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Asian & Pacific Islander American Community hosts a candidate forum to provide opportunity for Asian-American voters to meet their candidates and learn about Michigan's ballot proposals from 10:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27, at the Canton Public Library.

Candidates from the U.S. Senate; 9th, 10th and 11th Congressional Districts; 20th, 21st and 30th Michigan House Districts; state Board of Education, governor of Wayne State, Wayne County sheriff, Wayne County clerk and other local races have been invited to participate. More than 15 of those candidates have confirmed their attendance.

The Canton Public Library is located at 1200 S. Canton Center in Canton.

## Crossing closed

Norfolk Southern Railroad will perform crossing repairs on Haggerty Road, between Van Born Road and Michigan Avenue, in Canton Township. The scheduled closure will be from Monday, Oct. 29, through Sunday, Nov. 4. The detour will be Van Born Road to Hanman Road to Michigan Avenue back to Haggerty Road.

## Design contest

The Canton Commission for Culture, Arts and Heritage is accepting entries for a design and slogan contest, sponsored by Health Alliance Plan. The public is invited to submit original designs with slogans through Nov. 30.

Submissions must be original designs that should be immediately identifiable; compelling artistically; and appropriate for a wide range of applications, including possible use on letterhead, newsletters and website. Computer generated and non-computer generated artwork may be entered, but must be submitted electronically at [www.cantonfun.org](http://www.cantonfun.org).

Only one entry per person will be accepted. The winning entry will receive a \$500 cash award from HAP.

Complete contest rules and entry forms are available online at [www.cantonfun.org](http://www.cantonfun.org).

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# Hometown firefighter named chief

By Darrell Clem  
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Joshua Meier has been named Canton's new fire chief, a crowning achievement for a hometown firefighter who has steadily climbed through the ranks from dispatch to 13-year veteran of the 62-member fire department.

"I'm excited about it. I'm ready for the challenge," Meier, 36, said. "I think it will be a good door that has opened for me, and I'm ready to take on the challenges."

Meier emerged as fire chief among four candidates involved in a testing procedure. He assumes the department helm Nov. 3, the day after departing Chief Tim Dunn ends his 27-year firefighting career.

"Josh will do great," Dunn said Monday, the day Meier was offered the job. "I have the

utmost confidence in him. He definitely is going to be capable of handling it, and it will be a good transition. I think the department will be in good hands with him at the helm."

Canton officials sought to appoint a new fire chief to allow for a two-week transition before Dunn leaves.

Meier worked as a Canton dispatcher for over two years before he joined the fire department in 1999 as a firefighter and paramedic. He assumed the newly created position of deputy fire chief in March 2011, earning a post that replaced the former fire marshal's position and added more duties to it.

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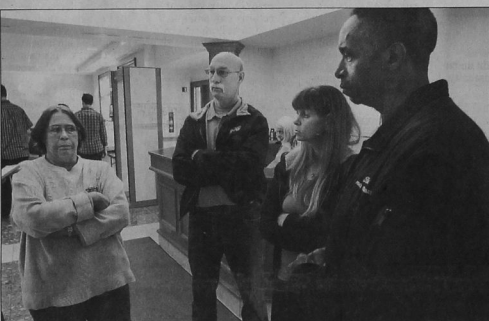
Meier's job as deputy chief will now be posted inside the fire department.

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Hometown firefighter Joshua Meier, named this week as Canton's new fire chief, is a graduate of Salem High School, the same school that produced his predecessor, Tim Dunn.



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Brooke Kennedy's relatives who want jail time for her death are (from left) maternal grandparents Denise and Eugene Gabany and Kennedy's aunt and uncle, Diane and Glenn Gibbons.

# Family wants jail for driver in fatality

By Darrell Clem  
Observer Staff Writer

Grieving relatives implored a 35th District Court judge Monday to impose a jail sentence on a driver accused of ignoring a flashing red light in Canton and causing a two-car crash that killed Belleville teens Brooke Kennedy and Danielle Beavers, passengers in his car.

However, a defense attorney portrayed Rufus Thomas Brandon II, 24, as a remorseful preacher's son and college student who shouldn't be jailed for a tragic decision he made while driving sober through the intersection of Michigan Avenue and Belleville Road shortly after 2 a.m. July 24. Judge Ronald Lowe, calling it perhaps the hardest decision he has faced in 18 years

on the bench, has set a Nov. 13 sentencing date for Brandon, who could face a maximum one-year jail term and a longer probation sentence. He pleaded no contest Monday to one count of a moving violation causing a death, and a second count was dismissed.

Outside the courtroom, Kennedy's maternal grandmother,

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# Mom, man charged in baby's death

By Darrell Clem  
Observer Staff Writer

A Canton child's death after ingesting prescription drugs has led to criminal charges against the mother and a man who once lived together on Maben, near Canton Center and Ford roads.

The boy, about 18 months old, died June 9, prompting a lengthy investigation that culminated Tuesday in charges of involuntary manslaughter and second-degree child abuse against his 20-year-old mother, Andrea Nicole Rodgers, and Ryan Keith Moody, 25, who authorities say isn't the child's father.

Authorities declined to discuss the case at length.

"We have a responsibility to safeguard the case," Canton Detective Sgt. Dave Schreiner said. "One of the ways we safeguard the case is to not give out information carelessly that could jeopardize this case."

The developments came as Rodgers, now a LaSalle resident, and Moody, with a Monroe address, face a Nov. 2 preliminary examination that will determine whether they should stand trial in Wayne County



Rodgers



Moody

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# Campaign aims to make a difference

Join the Canton Observer, part of O&E Media, on Saturday, Oct. 27, in support of Make A Difference Day — the largest day of volunteering in the U.S.A.

For more than 20 years, Gannett Inc. has mobilized millions across the country for this national day of doing good.

"As part of our commitment to the communities we serve, O&E Media is partnering with sever-



al local groups, including the Canton Goodfellows," Susan Rosiek, publisher and executive editor, said in urging Canton residents to join "Pennies from Heaven," so that every child has a Christmas. This year's "Pennies from

Heaven" campaign is in honor of Nancy Spencer, the Canton Goodfellows leader who died last week. Spencer, along with her husband, John, was a stalwart supporter for the Goodfellows.

According to John Spencer, the campaign drew its inspiration from Nancy Spencer's father, who would find pennies everywhere he went. After his death in 1975, Nancy Spencer noticed she

was finding pennies everywhere, and she would say her father was sending them to her to let her know he was looking down on her from heaven.

Last year, the campaign raised \$814.43, mostly pennies.

"The main focus of this drive is to publicize the 'No Canton Child Without a Christmas' project,"

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**CHIEF**

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Meier grew up in Canton and graduated in 1994 from Salem High School — the same school where Dunn finished high school in 1981. Meier received an associate degree in fire science from Schoecraft College and graduated from Eastern Michigan University's School of Fire Staff and Command.

Meier said he doesn't anticipate making any sweeping changes as fire chief.

"Initially I want to ensure that we continue to provide the highest quality of service we can provide to the community — the quality of service residents expect and deserve," Meier said. Longer term, he added, "we'll take it as it comes."

As deputy chief, Meier oversees the department training, emergency medical services and fire prevention division. The deputy post was seen by some as a way to groom the next fire chief, though Meier still had to rise above competition to job-testing procedures.

**Eager to go**

Meier becomes Canton's new fire chief after he twice earned the title of Canton Firefighter of



Meier

the Year, among other awards. He's eager to get started in his new role as chief

in a community where he grew up.

"It's quite an honor," he said. "It's something that not many people get to do."

Meier and wife Lisa have two sons, Jacob, 8, and Joseph, 5.

Meier also has served as president of the Canton Firefighters Local 2289, part of the International Association of Firefighters. He has been involved as a member of the fire department's training committee and the Western Wayne Urban Search and Rescue Team.

Meier was last honored as Canton Firefighter of the Year in spring of 2010. Before he accepted his award during a ceremony at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, he humbly gave credit to his fellow firefighter paramedics.

"I couldn't have done it without the other guys on my shift," he said then.

It's a 62-member team he now leads as fire chief.

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**CORRECTION**

A story in the Sunday, Oct. 21, *Canton Observer* should have referred to the student-run credit union at Salem High School being a branch of Community Financial Credit Union.

**Auto supplier to invest \$3.8M, add new jobs**

By Darrell Clem  
Observer Staff Writer

A Canton-based auto supplier plans to invest \$3.8 million in its facility, boost production and gradually add 18 new jobs to its 98-member workforce, company officials said Tuesday.

Gil-Mar Manufacturing Co. is positioned for growth as the auto industry reduces its supplier base and relies more on certain firms, plant manager Robert Zulkner said.

"Our proven track record of performance and quality has helped us to be picked in the cut," he said.

Zulkner's remarks came Tuesday night as Gil-Mar secured from the Canton Township Board of Trustees a seven-year, 50-percent tax abatement for new machine-related personal property at its two-building, 135,000-square-foot site on the township's north side.

Gil-Mar chose Canton 25 years ago and has remained at its site on Ronda Drive south of Joy. Its focus is high-volume production machining and assembly of automotive components for the commercial and military

industries.

"Gil-Mar has been a tremendous asset and employer in Canton for many years," township Supervisor Phil LaJoy said.

Gary Gorski, the company's controller, said the expansion comes as Gil-Mar is receiving an uptick in auto-industry orders. He said the latest economic news is expected to result in 18 new jobs.

Gorski, responding to a question from Trustee Greg Demopoulos, said Gil-Mar typically pays \$13 an hour for unskilled workers.

Gil-Mar's tax abatement comes just two weeks after ProCoil, another Canton company and auto industry steel supplier, received a four-year, 50-percent tax abatement as it expects to expand its 60-member workforce by 14 employees to accommodate growth in its laser welding line.

Canton officials have repeatedly said they are offering tax abatements to attract and retain companies — and to help them grow — during a challenging economy.

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Circuit Court. If convicted as charged, the couple could face 15 years in prison for involuntary manslaughter and four years for second-degree child abuse.

Rodgers went Tuesday as 35th District Judge Michael Gerou handled an arraignment by video while the couple was at the Canton police station. Gerou set a \$10,000/10-percent bond for the defendants after Detective Tim Wright said Rodgers and Moody don't appear to be a danger to the general public.

Rodgers's mother and other relatives indicated in Gerou's courtroom that \$1,000 would be posted for her release. By Tuesday afternoon, Rodgers had been released, Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Maria Miller said.

Outside of Gerou's courtroom, some of Rodgers's relatives wept, but said they couldn't discuss the case.

Rodgers's relatives had

asked Gerou to let her know they were in the courtroom to support her during the video arraignment — and he did.

During the arraignment, Wright said the case involved the child ingesting an unnamed prescription medication that was carelessly stored in the house Rodgers and Moody shared.

Authorities said the involuntary manslaughter charges stemmed from the boy's death, while second-degree child abuse charges arose from allegations of the drugs being carelessly stored.

Schreiner said he couldn't divulge other details.

"The police thoroughly investigated this case and turned it over to the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office after a lengthy investigation," Schreiner said. "These charges were the result of a very thorough and detailed investigation by the detective assigned to it."

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**DIFFERENCE**

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John Spencer said. "The money is not a lot but it reminds the community that we are doing this for the children in need in the Canton community."

The 2012 Difference Day Campaign hopes to collect one million pennies for the Canton Goodfellow.

"The *Canton Observer*, on behalf of the Goodfellow, invites all local residents to help the Goodfellow and remember Nancy in the best way possible — to help kids have a Christmas," Rosiek said. "Pennies might not seem like a lot but they quickly add up.

Whether it's one penny or one hundred pennies, every donation makes a difference." Bring your pennies — or any spare change — to the lobby of the Can-

ton Summit (Community Center) from 10 a.m. to noon and meet other volunteers at O&E Media staff. Enjoy a glass of cider and a doughnut. Your change can make a change for the Canton Goodfellow this year.

"Across the country, in big and small ways, millions of volunteers will make a difference in their community," Rosiek said. "Join us in celebrating all the good things going on in our communities on Oct. 27."

Held every year on the fourth Saturday in October, Make A Difference Day is sponsored by Gannett Co. Inc.'s USA WEEKEND Magazine in partnership with the Hands-On Network.

Businesses, schools and other group interested in helping can contact Maureen Frye at fryebynite@wowway.com. Or simply bring your pennies to the Summit on Oct. 27.

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# Band sixth at super regional

By Peggy Fenwick  
Correspondent

Last Friday morning, the 168-member Plymouth-Canton Marching Band traveled to Indianapolis for a Bands of America Championship — but it wasn't for the big Grand National Championship.

Not yet. According to many of the student members, it was a dress rehearsal for the big competition scheduled Nov. 8-10 back in Indianapolis.

Last Saturday night, the PCMB was the only Michigan band to compete in the BOA Super Regional Championship, at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis. With 51 other bands, many from the Indianapolis area, Plymouth-Canton finished well, winning a third-place spot in Class AAAA in the preliminary competition, and finishing sixth overall with a score of 81.3 in the finals performance. Avon High School from Avon, Ind., was named Super Regional champion.

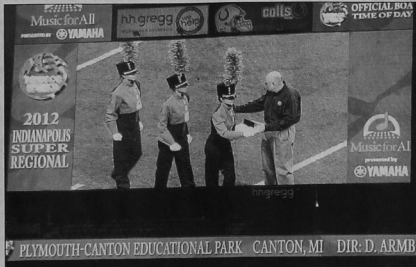
"They did awesome," associate band director Jonathan Thomann said about Plymouth-Canton's performance. "They did incredible. (The kids) came off the field and they knew it tonight. We reminded them, that's exactly why we do this (regional). They were pretty ecstatic, so it was fun."

### Three to go

Just three weeks to go before returning to Indianapolis for the BOA Grand National Championship, the hometown marchers were evaluated by a panel of nationally recognized music educators and marching band experts.



The Plymouth-Canton Marching Band performs in the preliminary portion of the BOA Super Regional. The band wound up sixth overall in the competition.



Drum Majors Shelbie Torok, Katie Nymberg and Sarah Wohl receive recognition for the band's hard work at the Super Regional in Indianapolis.

Percussion director Sean McElroy agreed with Thomann. "It was the best show of the year," McElroy said afterward. "I don't think there could have been a better version of the show with the ability level we've rehearsed them

to. It was really energetic and really fun to watch." Only 14 bands from among the 52 were able to advance to the evening finals competition. Bands from as far away as Florida and North Carolina traveled to Indianapolis to participate.

Senior melophone player Scott McGuire seemed pleased with Plymouth-Canton's showing. "It was a good day," McGuire said on the field after the awards ceremony. "First performance



Guard and marchers combine to exemplify 'The Last Dance.'

was a little rough, just little timing issues. Nothing that was incorrect. Second run was much stronger."

Drum major Shelbie Torok, a senior at Salem High, couldn't agree more. "I think it went pretty well," she said. "We got a lot done. I'm really excited for this year."

### Work to do

The season is only half complete for the PCMB. Next Saturday, the band will travel to Lakeland High School in Milford for an invitational. Then it's off to Ford Field in Detroit for the state championship Nov. 3. The season concludes

with another trip to Indianapolis, where the band will compete with more than 90 other bands from across the U.S. in the Bands of America Grand National Championship.

But there's still work to be done according to Thomann. "Well I think anytime you can get rewarded for hard work, it allows the kids momentum and something to build on," he said. "This is definitely something to be super proud of. But the show is not finished yet. We have about 20 seconds left, plus one more surprise. We still have more to add to the show."

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Denise Gabany of Westland, had fought back tears as she worried that Brandon might receive probation Monday.

"How can it be that two girls who were just starting their lives died — and their lives are only worth probation?" she asked. "Where is the justice behind that? It just doesn't make sense."

### Couldn't face court

Gabany said her daughter — Kennedy's mother — has been so distraught she couldn't even go to court.

"Brooke wasn't just her daughter. She was her best friend," Gabany said. "She lost part of her soul."

Inside the courtroom, Gabany and others pleaded with Lowe to give Brandon jail time amid statements by Eric Sterbis, the prosecuting attorney, that Brandon came to "a rolling stop" and drove through a flashing red signal. According to the car's black-box data, Sterbis said Brandon slowed to 14-18 mph and had reached 25 mph when the passenger side of his vehicle was struck.

Brandon was driving his Chevrolet Cavalier southbound when it was struck by a Monte Carlo being driven eastbound along Michigan Avenue by a 21-year-old Westland man on his way home from work, authorities have said. Brandon was taking Kennedy and Beavers home from work after a gathering at the nearby Ruby Tuesday, where they all worked. Alcohol was not a factor in the crash.

Beavers' relatives didn't attend Monday's



Rufus Thomas Brandon II, with attorney Constance Ross, pleads no contest to a moving violation causing a death following a two-car crash.

court hearing, but Lowe urged Sterbis to advise them of the Nov. 13 sentencing.

As Brandon sat at a defense table, Eugene Gabany, Kennedy's maternal grandfather, called for the most punishment Lowe can impose. Kennedy would have celebrated her 19th birthday three days after the sentencing date for her death.

"In our family's eyes (the punishment) could not be harsh enough," Eugene Gabany said. "We'll never see her 19th birthday or her wedding."

### Remorse shown

Defense attorney Constance Ross argued for a two-year probation sentence among other court orders, saying Brandon has shown remorse for the teens' deaths. Ross said Brandon attends Eastern Michigan University and doesn't drink alcohol or use drugs.

"He is on the right path," she said. "I'd like to make sure he doesn't crawl into a hole over the trauma of that evening."

Sterbis told Lowe that Kennedy's family wants a punishment Brandon can feel. "Does probation

give him something he can feel? Probably not."

Diane Gibbons, Kennedy's aunt, described her life after the double fatality. She and husband Glenn Gibbons of Romulus went to the accident scene until Kennedy was pulled from the car.

"I haven't slept since this happened," Diane Gibbons told Lowe. "I cry every day."

Glenn Gibbons said Kennedy's family isn't being unfair by seeking jail time. He said his wife hasn't been the same since losing her niece.

"I want her back, and I don't know when I'll get her back," he told Lowe.

Kennedy's paternal grandmother, Donna "Nana" Kennedy, told Lowe she doesn't believe Brandon should ever be allowed to drive again, though Lowe can't impose such a sentence.

Lowe, who has two teenage sons, called it the first time he has faced sentencing a defendant who caused a death. Most cases involving death are decided in Wayne County Circuit Court.

Lowe advised Brandon and his attorney to develop a plan for how the situation could be used to help society while still showing that Brandon is hurt by the tragedy.

"I'm not ruling jail out," Lowe said, adding later, "I'm looking for the community to benefit from this."

Kennedy's family expressed relief that Lowe, rather than granting probation Monday, has put sentencing on hold until Nov. 13.

"It's not going to be a cakewalk anymore," Glenn Gibbons said.

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## CRIME WATCH

### Heroin possession

Police responded to a call from employees at the McDonald's restaurant at Michigan Ave. and Lotz, who reported a suspicious man who'd been hanging around the store for nearly two hours.

Employees told police the man had sat there for about an hour and 45 minutes and appeared to be under the influence of something. The man was described as a white male with brown hair wearing a gray hoodie.

Police arrived and found the man sitting at a table against the back wall, and he appeared to be sleeping, according to police reports. When the officer aroused the man, according to the report, he was slow to respond. The officer asked for an ID, and the man handed him a California identification card.

The officer walked the man outside, where the suspect gave permission to be searched. Police found several needles in his pockets, which he claimed were for insulin injections, as he was a diabetic. Police also found several folded lottery tickets, according to the report a known way for heroin to be passed from buyer to purchaser.

One of the packets was found to contain heroin. The suspect was transported to a local hospital.

### Retail fraud

Police responded to a call about a white male who allegedly walked out of the Kroger on Michigan Ave., with a cartful of items.

A witness said the white male quickly unloaded the contents of a cart into a white PT Cruiser. The witness said the male and a white female companion got into the car and quickly left the parking lot.

Another witness told police she'd seen the man loading the items into the car. She said none of the items had been bagged by Kroger employees, and the suspect had not been seen using any of the cash registers.

### Vehicle theft

Officers were dispatched to a home on Greenwood where the owner reported her 1998 Jeep had been stolen.

The homeowner told police her son had parked the locked Jeep in front of the Greenwood address around 10 p.m. Someone stole the Jeep between 10 p.m. and 8:15 a.m. The owner said he had possession of both sets of keys and that no one had permission to take the vehicle.

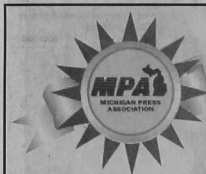
There was no debris at the site, and police have no suspects or witnesses.

### Assault and battery

Canton Police responded to Academy Pointe Estates on a report of an assault around 1:50 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 21.

The suspect in the assault told police he'd been waiting for his former girlfriend. She arrived with a female friend and two males. The suspect told police he "had a tussle" with one of the men, after which the man "sucker punched me."

The man told police the suspect "came out of nowhere" and started the fight. The man, who police said was "visibly intoxicated," did not want to press charges. He was driven home by one of the women.



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# Slashing victim testifies; suspect sent to trial

By Matt Jachman  
Observer Staff Writer

A Canton Township man was sent to trial Friday on assault charges stemming from a Sept. 30 attack that left another man with a gash that took at least 20 stitches to close.

But Judge James Plakas, after about an hour of testimony in Plymouth's 35th District Court about what he called a "bizarre" situation, concluded there was more to the story.

"There are quite a few questions of fact here," Plakas told Harry Robinson Jr. as he ordered Robinson to Wayne County Circuit Court. "It seems to me that something happened while you were in the store with Mr. Sheets."

Robinson, 44, is accused of using a knife to cut Theodore Sheets, 41, of Saline, on the area of his left wrist on Sept. 30 outside the Sam's Club on Ford Road in Canton.

Robinson is charged with assault with intent to commit great bodily harm and felonious assault, and is also charged as a habitual offender, which could increase the length of



Robinson

He sat quietly at the defense table Friday as Sheets described the events that led to the attack.

Questioned by assistant county prosecutor Eric Sterbis, Sheets said he saw Robinson outside Sam's Club after shopping there with his wife, son and daughter.

### Escalating conflict

Robinson spit at him twice, Sheets said, but didn't hit him, and Sheets asked him if there was a problem.

"Come over here and I'll show you the problem," he quoted Robinson as saying, before admitting he didn't hear the entire response because Robinson's words were "garbled."

"Did you go over there to fight him?" said Sterbis. "No, sir," said Sheets. "I have nothing against him."

However, Sheets also testified that Robinson was behaving aggressively, and that he wanted to put some distance between his family and Robinson.

The prosecution played a surveillance video that depicted the two outside Sam's Club, Sheets near the building and Robinson on the parking-lot side of a two-lane driveway. In the video, Sheets crosses the driveway and the two are close for a couple of seconds, at which point, Sheets testified, he was cut. The two then separate.

Sheets said Robinson had a knife with a blade four to four-and-a-half inches long, and stabbed toward his head area with a downward motion. He put up his left arm protectively, he said, and was cut. He was treated at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital.

Upon cross-examination by defense attorney Mark Lakin, Sheets said he had never seen Robinson before that day. He had seen Robinson several times inside Sam's Club, he said, but denied Lakin's suggestions that he had followed Robinson in the store, stared at him

or called him a name.

"There was never a word spoken, there was never a confrontation, there was never eye contact. Never," Sheets said.

### Question over spitting

Lakin said Sheets had told police shortly after the incident that he was hit by Robinson's spittle, though he had testified earlier that he had not been hit by it. Sheets told Lakin he was not aware of having been hit, and that Robinson "spit in my general direction."

Lakin suggested Robinson was afraid of Sheets, who testified he is 6-foot-2 and weighs 330 pounds. Robinson was described as about 5-foot-5 and 150 pounds.

Lakin returned to the spitting issue when cross-examining Canton Detective Andrew Colthurst, who investigated the case.

"When I spoke with him a day or two after on the phone, he specifically said, 'spit on,'" Colthurst said of Sheets, adding that it's not unusual for stories to slightly change in such circumstances.

Colthurst testified under

direct examination that he interviewed Robinson the day of the attack, and that Robinson told him Sheets had tried to strike him with his left hand, and that he raised one of his own hands, holding an iPod, blocking the blow and causing Sheets' wound. After the detective showed him a photograph of the gash, he testified, Robinson changed his story and said he was holding a shard of glass, and then changed it again to say he was holding a broken bottle top.

Colthurst did not say whether a knife had been recovered. Sterbis, in arguing for the bind-over, said Sheets had not acted aggressively toward Robinson before Robinson cut him.

But Lakin, arguing Robinson had no intent to do great bodily harm, pointed out that he backed up after cutting Sheets.

Robinson should not have cut Sheets, Lakin said, but the evidence shows only "one shot to the back of the forearm, that's it, and then a walk-away."

Said Plakas: "Something happened before it led up to all this."

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## Marathon success



"Kiss My Swosh" celebrated its fifth anniversary of completing the Free Press Marathon together last weekend. Pictured are team members (from left) Allison Knight, Tammy Forney, Amy McGrath, Eileen Avram, and Jackie Knight. The women are all from Canton and have known each other since their kids were in kindergarten together.



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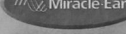
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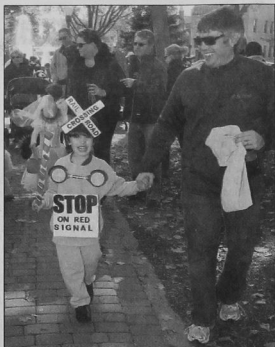
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## Plymouth hosts popular 'Palooza'

Scores of kids of all ages turned out for a howlin' good time at Sunday's second Pumpkin Palooza in downtown Plymouth.

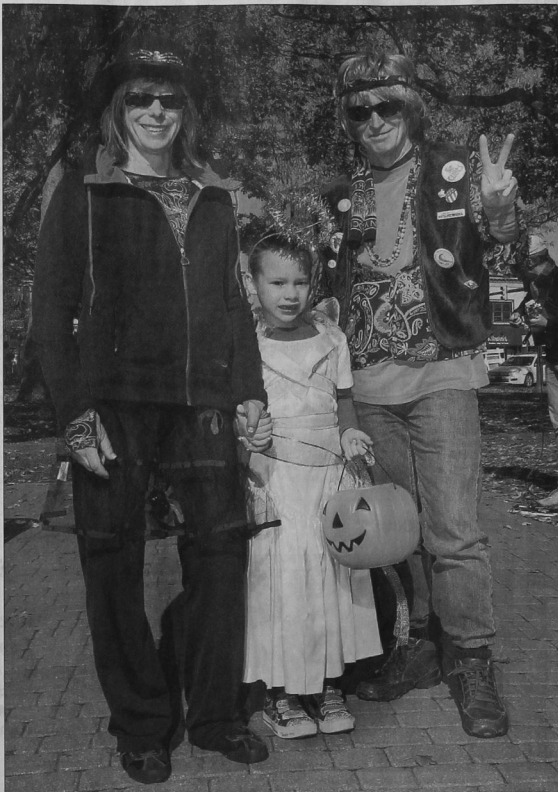
Activities included pumpkin bowling, sack races, pumpkin decorating and sidewalk chalk. Candy was given out as prizes, and there were candy stations for Halloween treats, but Fry said part of the idea was to get visitors away from

just walking door to door for candy and instead get them active and involved.

The event was also designed to get people into downtown businesses, and Teri Fry of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce said more businesses participated than last year. "We did get good feedback" from participating businesses, she said. "Those that I talked to said it was great."



Two-year-old Superman Colton Doby plays bean bag toss with a little encouragement from Grandma, Janet Burns. They're from Plymouth.



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Jayne and Tom Rossiter, of Northville, brought granddaughter Lilah-Kai Harper to Pumpkin Palooza.



Aubriana Cruz, 3, and sister Alana Cruz, 4, choose some candy from Megan Morse, who works at The Cupcake Station.

## Canton woman part of tribute at World Series

By Darrell Clem  
Observer Staff Writer

Proud of her country and the Detroit Tigers, Canton resident Christine Wofford gets to pay tribute to both Saturday as she helps unfurl a huge U.S. flag on the Comerica Park field when the World Series comes home.

Wofford is among a large contingent of volunteers chosen by a local organization, Visit Detroit, to display the flag before *The Star-Spangled Banner* is performed as the world watches.

"It's a great honor. It's exciting," she said. "The best part is you get to stay on the field while the players are introduced, and you get to hear the roar and applause from the crowd."

Wofford should know. She helped carry the U.S. flag at Comerica Park when the Tigers beat the Oakland Athletics and the New York Yankees to advance to the World Series.

She's optimistic Detroit will clinch baseball's biggest prize now by defeating the San Francisco Giants.

"I'm hoping the Tigers will sweep the Giants like they did the Yankees," she said.

Her love for the Tigers began when she was a young girl.

"I've been a big Tigers fan since 1960," she said. Wofford has attended some 30 games this year alone, including two games against Oakland and the last game against New York.

"That was great," she said.

Wofford attended World Series games when Detroit won it all in 1968 and 1984, and she was there when the Tigers lost to the St. Louis Cardinals in 2006.

She'll be leaving Comerica Park on Saturday after she helps unfurl the U.S. flag, but she's returning for Sunday's game with her brother, Bruce Jonasz, to celebrate his 59th birthday with a group of friends.

Wofford was invited by e-mail by Visit Detroit, an offshoot of the Detroit Metro Convention and Visitors Bureau.

"It's just wonderful to meet people who care so much to volunteer for the city of Detroit," she said.

"There are constantly things going on in Detroit."



Christine Wofford of Canton, who plans to help carry a large U.S. flag during Saturday's World Series game between the Detroit Tigers and the San Francisco Giants, appears here with a color guard when she was involved an earlier effort as Detroit faced Oakland in the baseball playoffs.

# Old Village 'Haunted' block party returns Sunday

By Matt Jachman  
Observer Staff Writer

A Plymouth Halloween block party that draws visitors from well outside the neighborhood returns Sunday to Liberty Street.

The sixth annual Old Village Haunted Halloween block party is from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday on Liberty between Stark-weather and Mill, and the street will be closed to vehicles.

"It's just a fun day in the neighborhood," said longtime Old Village resident Mark Oppat, co-chairman of the event, which is organized by the Old Village Association. "It's mainly to have a good time in Old Village, and a chance to invite people here who maybe never have been to Old Village."

The family friendly party includes games, contests, activities and entertainment. Food vendors, including neighborhood favorites Plymouth



Kids bob for doughnuts in the "Doughnut Gallows" event during the 2010 Haunted Halloween block party on Liberty Street in Old Village. This year's party is from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday.

Fish & Seafood and Jeff Zak Catering, will have booths on the block, and some Old Village stores will be open for business. Halloween-appropriate music will help set the mood.

Games will include "Doughnut Gallows,"

a sort of bobbing-for-doughnuts; pumpkin bowling; and the "Almighty Pumpkin Tower of Death," a pumpkin-stacking contest.

In the latter, Oppat said, contestants, in teams or on their own, figure out how to building the high-

est pumpkin stack, using pumpkins with the stems cut off.

"It's kind of fun to see people strategize which way to do it," he said. "Some people will try to make a base. Some people have tried making three stacks and leaning them together."

Activities will include an inflatable bounce house, face-painting, pumpkin-decorating and "train" rides in the neighborhood from the popular Dan-Dan the Choo-Choo Man. Most games and activities will cost \$1 each.

There will also be a Halloween costume contest, for children and adults, at 3:30 p.m., with participants judged in several age groups.

The event is also a fundraiser for the OVA. Dan-Dan's visit is sponsored by Community Financial Credit Union.

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## CANTON CHAMBER CHAT

### Consumer expo

The Canton Chamber of Commerce and Canton Downtown Development Authority present the annual Consumer Expo today (Thursday) at the Summit on the Park. The expo will be held from 3-7 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom.

"The Consumer Expo is an initiative of the Canton Chamber of Commerce and the Canton DDA to encourage the public to get to know their business neighbors," said Thomas Paden, President, Canton Chamber of Commerce. "The expo is a great opportunity to learn firsthand about the businesses in our community. Attendees have the opportunity to meet local business owners and learn about the great products and services they have to offer. For the first time, this year's Consumer Expo will feature local restaurants that will provide sample sized portions of their food."

The Consumer Expo is held annually in October, and features over 50 businesses from the community who display their products and services to the public. Participating businesses include banks, insurance, travel agents, pet services, carpet cleaning, and many more. Each vendor gives away a door prize, admission is free and the expo is open to the public.

The Consumer Expo is sponsored by the Showroom of Elegance and Molly Maid.

### Schoolcraft Relay

Schoolcraft College hosts its Relay for Life 6-11:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 26 at the college campus located at 18600 Haggerty in Livonia.

The event will feature live entertainment, food, games, guest speakers, survivor walk, online and onsite donations, team and individual awards given for most distinguished participation.

For registration information, visit [www.FACEBOOK.COM/SCHOOLCRAFTRE-LAYFORLIFE](http://www.FACEBOOK.COM/SCHOOLCRAFTRE-LAYFORLIFE) and [www.RELAYFORLIFE.ORG/SCHOOLCRAFTMI](http://www.RELAYFORLIFE.ORG/SCHOOLCRAFTMI)

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### First Friday

The Canton Chamber of Commerce hosts its 1st Friday Club 8:30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 2, at the chamber office, 45525 Hanford.

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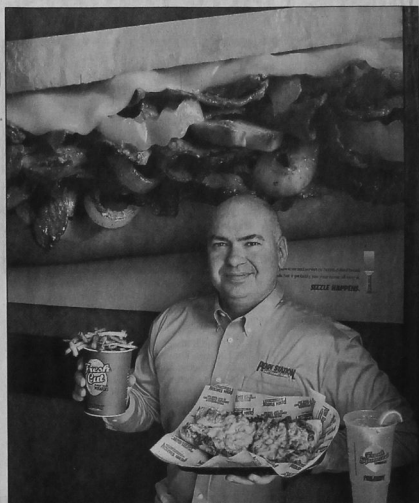
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The river has improved so much, a couple years back a group of us began to look at the recreational possibilities of the Rouge, including canoeing and fishing — activities that were considered preposterous 25 years ago when the effort to clean up the Rouge began.



Some of the Detroit Zoo employees, who helped pull a mountain of trash from the Rouge River early this month. The Zoo employees organize several community service trips annually.

We have been so encouraged that earlier this year, we set a goal of opening up all the logjams in a six mile stretch of the river through the city of Wayne, so we could canoe it without ever having to get out to portage around obstacles. Beginning in the spring, we have gone down to the river armed with ropes, shovels, garbage bags and chain saws, and we slowly but steadily hacked our way to that goal. Along the way, we have had a number of groups, which wanted to be part of or efforts, show up and be part of the solution.

And guess what? Two weeks ago, roughly 50 people came out for a canoe trip hosted by Friends of the Rouge, an organization that is at the very heart of restoring the Rouge River. We enjoyed beautiful fall colors while paddling down the Rouge River. And it was right in our backyard. When I think of how much work went into making that a possibility, I'm amazed.

One of the groups that helped make this goal a reality included about three dozen employees from the Detroit Zoo, who showed up on a dreary, cool day earlier this month. Despite the fact that none of them lived in Wayne, they worked as hard as any group I've ever seen, pulling boatload after boatload of old tires, shopping carts, bicycles, and just about everything imaginable out of the river. It was hard, nasty work. By the end of the day, they were dirty (an understatement) and tired. I felt bad, because I don't think they knew what they were getting themselves into. I thanked them again and again for their efforts. I was a bit floored, however, when they actually thanked us for inviting them to help out. Some even asked if they could return when we have another work day. They saw what a difference they had made. That is a rewarding feeling.

It makes me think of

President Kennedy's famous challenge to his countrymen: "Ask not what your country can do for you — ask what you can do for your country."

Making a difference in your community can come in many ways, big and small. It can be an individual act, such as picking up trash in a nearby park, or part of a larger group, such as helping deliver meals to home bound seniors. I realize some people can't participate in physical activities. In that case, maybe the way you can help is by donating to a food pantry or another charity doing its best to help those in need. Just make a commitment to make your community better. It has a bit of a ripple effect. The community will benefit. And believe it or not, so will you.

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# League offers voter info in many formats

The League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County is providing voters several opportunities to learn about their candidates in advance of the Nov. 6 election.

- A video of the candidate forum for the 11th District Congressional race, held on Oct. 1, can be accessed on the League's website at [www.lwvnmw.org](http://www.lwvnmw.org).

- The League's forum on Oct. 2 for the 19th District State Representative and the Livonia School Board can be accessed on Bright-house Network. Air dates can be found on the League's website.

- Non-partisan Voter Guides are now available in all of the public libraries. Local candidates are highlighted, as well as statewide candidates. Additionally, the Voter Guides include pro and con arguments on the state ballot proposals.

Those voters who wish to review their election information online, should visit [www.Vote411.org](http://www.Vote411.org). This web-based Voter Guide from the League of Women Voters will provide all of a voter's ballot races and proposals once a street address is typed in.

The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan organization whose purpose is to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government. It never supports or opposes any candidate or political party.

# Free movie screening for veterans offered

In recognition of the tremendous sacrifice and service of America's military veterans, state Sen. Glenn S. Anderson, in cooperation with AMC 20 Theatres of Livonia, will host a free screening of Disney's film *War Horse* at 3 p.m. on Veteran's Day, Sunday, Nov. 11, at Livonia AMC 20, 19500 Haggerty Road, north of Seven Mile Road.

"Five years ago we were able to partner with Livonia AMC 20 Theatres and begin a wonderful tradition of recognizing our local veterans," said Anderson. "Our local veterans certainly deserve constant

recognition for the tremendous sacrifice they have made and with the help of Livonia AMC 20, this event has become an annual event they and we look forward to."

In addition to the free screening, concessions will be provided free of charge courtesy of AMC Theatres of Livonia. Tickets are limited and R.S.V.P. is required. Veterans may request their free tickets by contacting Anderson's office by email at [SenatorAnderson@senate.mi.gov](mailto:SenatorAnderson@senate.mi.gov) or toll free by phone at (866) 262-7306. Tickets are limited to two per veteran.

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# Don't let fear, panic dictate investment decisions

By Rick Bloom  
Guest Columnist

Last week — Oct. 19 — was the anniversary of an event that most of us as investors would like to forget. It was the 25th anniversary of the stock market crash of 1987 or as it has been affectionately referred to — Black Monday.



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That was the day that the Dow Jones Industrial Average suffered its largest one-day drop. On that day, the Dow dropped 508 points, which was 23 percent of the Dow's value. In addition, the Standard & Poor's 500 dropped 20 percent.

Although a lot has changed in the world and the economy, there are some similarities today worth mentioning. After the crash, there were numerous articles written that compared 1987 to the Great Depression of 1929. The fear mongers were out in force talking doom and gloom and scaring investors.

It reminds me of what happened during the 2008 financial crisis. If you recall at the time of the financial crisis there were numerous stories both in print and on TV comparing the situation to 1929.

Once again, the doom and gloomers were out in force scaring investors.

The result was that in both 1987 and 2008, many investors let fear dictate their decisions and bailed out of the market moving to what they considered safer investments, such as CDs and U.S. treasuries.

Unfortunately, the investors who did bail out in 1987 and in 2008 missed the recovery. What is also similar is that our economy did not collapse and we did not return to 1929. In fact, within two years after the crash of 1987, the market regained its strength.

**Losses recouped**  
Although we have not fully recovered from the meltdown in 2008, we have regained the great majority of losses.

Both today and in 1987, investors that panicked and bailed out of the market did not give their portfolio a chance to recover. In both instances, if investors were patient and had stayed the course, they would have been in much better shape than they were by bailing out.

If you go back to 1987, many investors who bailed out stayed out for a long period of time. Most of those investors missed a significant run in the market in the 1990s. Unfortunately, many of them jumped back in the market at a time when the market was at its all-time high only to suffer the consequences of the dot com meltdown in early 2000.

The result was that once again, they bailed out of the market and suffered significant losses.

es. It seems today many investors follow that same strategy of buying high and selling low; it just doesn't work.

One thing today that is similar to 1987 is that certain investors look for opportunities during market volatility. Many investors, who did not panic in 1987 or during the financial crisis, ended up profiting from the market volatility. The strategy of buying low and selling high is one that works for investors today and worked back in 1987.

As we look back to October 1987, the lessons that investors should have learned is that you cannot make investment decisions in the midst of a crisis. Investors with patience have always been rewarded.

In addition, we should all know that our economy and our markets are a lot different than they were in 1929. When people in the midst of a financial crisis compare things to 1929, they are just trying to scare you and create fear. As investors, we cannot let fear dictate our investment decisions.

Lastly, the most important lesson to be learned from 1987 and the recent financial crisis is that the strategy of buying low and selling high is the only way for investors to profit. Good luck!

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# McCotter staffers face trial on felony charges

By David Veselenak  
Observer Staff Writer

Two former staffers of U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter were bound over for trial on several felony charges Tuesday by 16th District Judge Sean Kavanaugh.

Paul Seewald and Don Yowchuang were bound over to Third Circuit Court for charges related to McCotter's failed reelection bid.

Yowchuang, a Farmington Hills resident, faces 10 counts of forgery and one count of conspiracy to commit a legal act in an illegal manner. Seewald faces one count of conspiracy to commit a legal act in an illegal manner. Yowchuang also faces six misdemeanor counts of falsely signing a nominating petition as a circulator, while Seewald also faces nine similar misdemeanor counts. Kavanaugh took two weeks after the pair's preliminary examination, which saw McCotter testify, to review transcripts of interviews with investigators. After the review, Kavanaugh decided there was enough evidence on the conspiracy charges to send the men to circuit court in



Yowchuang Seewald

Detroit

Kavanaugh said two weeks ago that he believed there was enough evidence in the 10 counts of forgery against Yowchuang. "I was convinced there was enough evidence presented," he said. "There's no discussion on that one."

The pair are two of four former McCotter staffers charged after the Michigan Secretary of State determined nominating petitions had photocopied signatures from previous elections.

Defense attorneys for the two argued the conspiracy charge was incorrectly filed and should be dismissed, as the two conspired to perform an illegal act — unlawfully signing nominating petitions to get McCotter on the primary ballot. Since the act of signing a petition and not being the circulator is a misdemeanor, Seewald's attorney Mark Man-

dell said the pair should be charged with misdemeanor conspiracy, rather than felony charges.

Kavanaugh said he believed the transcripts indicated enough evidence on the conspiracy charges to go to trial and the pair may have conspired to commit an illegal act through legal means, but admitted it was a difficult decision. "That's what they thought they were doing," he said. "It would have been a lot easier if they had been charged in the misdemeanor statute."

The circuit court may decide otherwise, Kavanaugh said. "It would dismiss the felony charge."

Former staffer Lorraine O'Brady, 52, of Livonia, pleaded no contest last month to five misdemeanor counts of falsely signing a nominating petition as circulator and one count of conspiracy to commit a legal act in an illegal manner.

Seewald and Yowchuang are set to be arraigned at 9 a.m. Nov. 6 in circuit court in Detroit.

# Congressional candidates: Race for partial term just as important

By Karen Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

Voters in some cities, including Livonia, will vote in two races Nov. 6 to fill the 11th District congressional seat, adding to an already long ballot.

One is for a full two-year term, the other is for a partial term ending Jan. 2, 2013, to elect a successor to Thaddeus McCotter, who resigned in July amidst a petition signature scandal.

Republican Kerry Bentivolio and Democrat Syed Taj are running for the two-year term, along with Libertarian John J. Tatar, Green Party candidate Steven Paul Duke and Natural Law candidate Daniel Johnson.

Bentivolio, Democrat David A. Curson, Tatar and U.S. Taxpayers can-

didate Marc J. Sosnovski are vying for the partial term.

The race for the full term has received a lot of media attention, with the spotlight on the Republican and Democratic challengers — Bentivolio and Taj.

Curson, the Democrat running against Bentivolio for the partial term, is concerned the lack of coverage and endorsements in the partial term race sends the wrong message to voters, making it appear the last session of the 112th Congress is insignificant. Taj did not run for the partial term.

"In reality it may prove to be one of the most important and memorable sessions in history," the Belleville resident said in an e-mail to the *Observer*. "If the upcoming lame-duck session does not act on certain legislation, the country falls over the fiscal cliff (the Budget Control Act of 2011) and nearly every taxpayer will see an increase in taxes. Over 1,000 government programs — including the defense budget and Medicare are in line for cut, automatic cuts if the 112th Congress fails to act by year end. Businesses and investors will be dramatically impacted, as will many other entities."

Curson, a Marine Corps veteran who became a journeyman diesel mechanic at Ford's Rawsonville Plant in Ypsilanti Township, has spent the past 39 years as a UAW representative, 27 of those on the International Union of UAW.

"I have proudly spent a lifetime being a problem solver — fighting for worker rights and fairness in the work place to give workers a voice on issues that directly impact their lives, the well-being of their families, and the opportunity to contribute to their communities," he said.

Curson said the issues he will work to enhance and protect are job creation, affordable health care, Social Security and Medicare, the elimination of unfair tax loopholes used by corporations, oil companies and the wealthiest Americans; veterans' affairs; oversight and regulation of Wall Street and a stop to the attack on the wages and benefits of first responders, public service employees and teachers.

Bob Dindoffer, Bentivolio's campaign manager, agreed the race for the partial term is extremely important. "In particular, we have to work out a deal on the debt," Dindoffer said. "And Kerry Bentivolio stands with the majority of the district on debt issues. He doesn't think we should kick the can down the road and burden our children and grandchildren with a massive debt."

"We trust the majority will vote for Kerry Bentivolio." Dindoffer said electing Bentivolio to the partial term, as well as the full term, will give him more seniority than other new Congressional members. "That leads to better representation of the people," he said. "If his opponent wins, the people in the district will lose clout."

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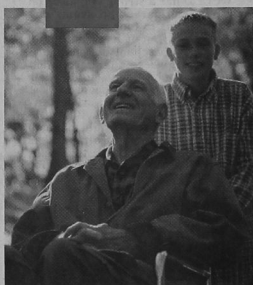
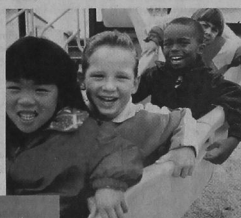


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**1. Food/blanket drive in support of Active Faith**, a non-denominational charity based in South Lyon. Canned food (especially soup) and blankets are needed. Drop off your donation between 10 a.m. and noon on Oct. 27 at the South Lyon Herald Office, 101 N. Lafayette, in downtown South Lyon.

**2. "Pennies from Heaven," collection to benefit Canton Goodfellows**, a group dedicated to ensuring every child has a Christmas. Bring your pennies to the Canton Summit (Community Center) from 10 a.m. to noon and meet other Goodfellows and O&E Media staff. The Canton Goodfellows recently lost its leader — Nancy Spencer, a longtime community philanthropist. **The goal is one million pennies.**

**3. Jaycee Park Beautification:** Volunteers are needed to clean up/spruce up Jaycee Park in Redford. The Redford Jaycees along with O&E Media staff and other community volunteers will work from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Come help and make a difference for all of the youth and families who use this community park. If you are a Redford resident, a former Redford resident or someone who just wants to make a difference for the Redford community, join us at Jaycee Park, 10102 Beech Daly Road, between Plymouth and W. Chicago Roads. Refreshments will be served.



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## OUR VIEWS

# Yes for WCCCD

### Support for college district key to helping students

It might be one of the least talked about proposals on the general election ballot, but on Nov. 6, residents of the Wayne County Community College District (WCCCD) will be asked to approve a 1-mill tax increase.

The college district covers a large part of Wayne County, including the Wayne-Westland Community Schools portion of Westland and Canton and the city of Wayne. WCCCD receives some state aid, but a vast majority of its funding is from property tax levies and tuition. Currently, residents of the district pay 2.25 mills. One mill is a permanent levy, while the remaining 1.25 mills is a 10-year levy renewed by voters in 2008. The tax request would generate more than \$21 million a year and would offset the revenue losses the district has experienced because of declining property values.

The college district was established in 1967 and has five campuses. It is one of the largest multi-campus community colleges in the nation, serving more than 70,000 credit and non-credit students in 93 degree and certificate programs.

The college has worked hard to meet the needs of its students and has seen its enrollment steadily climb, especially in the past few years, due in part to unemployed workers seeking new job skills. WCCCD has a strong emphasis on occupational and career programs and transfer programs to four-year colleges and universities, but it also has found partnerships with school districts like Wayne-Westland where dual enrollment allows high school students to do their course work in their high schools.

WCCCD has proven to be a wise steward of the money it receives. But without the new millage, it would have to scale back its programs. It already has cut staff, had furloughs and, this year, capped enrollment. That's bad news for the people who are turning to the college for the training and skills needed to get a job and keep a job.

Vote yes in the Nov. 6 election. Help WCCCD continue to meet the needs of its students now and in the future.

## Make A Difference: Remember Nancy

Canton bade a sad but fond farewell over the weekend to one of its ambassadors with the funeral of Goodfellows matriarch Nancy Spencer.

Spencer died earlier this month after a long battle with a variety of health issues, and the strength she showed while fighting those battles mirrors the strength she displayed in fighting for the children of the Canton area.

The last years of her life were difficult, but you couldn't maneuver around the basement floor of Canton Township hall without getting in her way. Nancy was everywhere — buoyed by an army of equally dedicated volunteers — making sure that countless children had a good Christmas.

The Canton community has a chance to remember Nancy and the entire Goodfellows organization this Saturday.

The Goodfellows, in partnership with the Observer, will add to Nancy's legacy this weekend, with their annual "Pennies from Heaven" campaign as part of Make A Difference Day. The Summit on the Park will be the site on Saturday where people can bring their pennies — or any other spare change — from 10 a.m. to noon to help make the difference for area children.

It's a fitting tribute to Nancy, though we agree with what would almost certainly be her sentiment: It's a great way to positively affect lives.

## COMMUNITY VOICE

### What is your best memory of Halloween?

We asked this question at the Canton Public Library.



"Probably my brother and I going trick or treating. I grew up in Virginia and we had Scareman, a great big haunted house."

**Ashley Johnston**  
Canton



"My best memory is when I was a little girl, getting this big bag of candy, coming home and spreading it out on the floor and sitting down to eat the chocolate."

**Marilyn Euseary**  
Canton



"When I was 6, I dressed up as Tinker Bell. That probably was my favorite costume. I had pixie dust and everything."

**Stephanee Straburg**  
Canton



"Just last year, going door to door with my nieces and nephews. We had fun."

**Jigna Patel**  
Canton

## LETTERS

### Central should close

My father, Mac J. Donnelly, was graduated from Plymouth High School in 1929. My graduation from PHS was in 1965. We are approaching my 50-year reunion from Plymouth High School. I mention these facts to drive home the idea that Central Middle School has outlasted its usefulness and should be closed as a place of learning. The young people deserve better.

The school district appears unwilling to spend a nickel on any improvements for the building. The running track is a hazard to the students using it. Yet, students are subjected to the conditions not even found in prisons.

I retired from teaching after 39 years. Much of my work was done in a non-air conditioned classroom. Each of the 35 students was a generator of heat. With an ambient temperature of 80 degrees or higher, learning went out the window. I would run fans in the windows to draw off the heat, but those fans produced noise that made teaching Spanish or Driver Education an exercise in yelling. I am grateful that I did not succumb to heat stroke. This is 2012. Virtually every

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store, every public building and many homes have good climate control. If the school district has land available to build a replacement school, what is the holdup? Whatever money it would cost to build a new facility would be offset by the sale of the Central Middle School building and land. Property in Plymouth on Main Street would be ideal for commercial investment or even a condo development. People would pay good money to live so close to the

joys of downtown Plymouth.

The children and the dedicated staff are the ones who are suffering the most. How can the (district) expect that these youngsters would do well on those all-so-important standardized tests when their brains are being fried on a daily basis?

One temporary solution would be to find some large commercial buildings currently unoccupied that could serve as classroom space. This would allow a better setting for learning. If a bond issue is needed, invite the voters to a tour of this century-old building on a hot day. Or, classroom space could be used in mid-afternoon at Centennial Park or the other middle schools on a time shift basis.

Students have one chance to get a good education. Each stage of learning is important. I have grandchildren in the district, not currently attending Central Middle School. If they were stuck at Central, I would look elsewhere for their sake.

Plymouth-Canton is a great school system, but Central Middle School must be closed.

**Thomas W. Donnelly**  
Canton

## STAFF COLUMN

# Long-shot candidates add to conversation in House race

Inanity, it's often said, is doing the same thing again and again and expecting different results.

If one accepts that definition, what does it say about our national political scene?

Again and again, we elect the same people, from the same two parties, to the Senate, the House of Representatives and the presidency. If they're not exactly the same people, they're

people with the same ideas. Or they're their opposites from the other party — witness the 2010 Tea Party insurgency in the House — and the pendulum swings wildly but without moving the country forward.

There's nothing in our founding documents that establishes a two-party system, but the Republican and Democratic parties have had a stranglehold on politics for generations, and we accept this, largely without question, as a matter of course. Their rules and the amount of money and media attention that come their way make it very, very difficult for alternatives to break out of minor-party status.

The result has been a narrow-

ing of the debate about the nation's future to a few easily understood sound bites, a range of solutions that's limited by the imaginations of the candidates and the confines of their parties' agendas (with staying in power usually at the top of those agendas), and hyper-partisan gridlock.

So it was heartening to see three minor-party hopefuls on the dais recently during a forum in the U.S. House race in Michigan's 11th District. The five candidates present for the League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County forum are vying to succeed former Republican Rep. Thaddeus McCotter; the current district includes large parts of Wayne and Oakland counties and the boundaries will change in January. Plymouth and Plymouth and Canton townships are in both the current and the new 11th District.

Two others skipped the forum, including Republican Kerry Bentivolio, who appears likely to win. His voters should expect more from him.

The Oct. 1 forum was a broad discussion about problems and solutions, without a lot of the sniping and snide insinuations that often accompany such programs. Libertarian John Tatar, the U.S. Taxpayers Party's Marc Sosnowski, and the Green Party's Steven

Duke each represented a distinct viewpoint, a real "thinking outside the box," to coin a phrase. That probably wouldn't have occurred had only the two major parties been represented. (Bentivolio's absence, by depriving candidates of a front-running target, probably also changed the tenor, it should be noted.)

Democrats were represented by Syed Tal, who is running for a two-year term in the new district, and David Curson, who is running only for the term vacated by McCotter, which ends with the calendar year.

The need for new and creative solutions, and a desire for honest debate and proposals that haven't been focus-grouped and fussed into impotence, are at the heart of good minor-party candidacies, and Duke, Tatar and Sosnowski, no matter what one thinks of their ideas, weren't afraid to think big, be bold and tell it — from their points of view — straight. They're probably not under any illusions that they can be elected, but just by stepping forward, they have contributed to the conversation.

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PROPOSAL 6: VOTERS WILL DECIDE NEED FOR NEW BRIDGE

PRO: Too many uncertainties with new bridge proposal

By Paul Opsommer  
Guest Columnist

For years, supporters of the New International Trade Crossing between Detroit and Windsor have promoted the benefits a new bridge would bring to Michigan.

As chair of the House Transportation Committee, I have followed this matter

with great interest. After reviewing all of the facts, I am deeply concerned that citizens in my district and statewide will be stuck sending their tax dollars to Detroit for an unneeded and unlawful project. I believe the people of Michigan deserve a say on this issue, that's why I support Proposal 6.

In agreeing to indent the people of Michigan to a foreign power without legislative approval, Gov.Snyder has taken a tremendous gamble on the future fiscal health of our state. There are too many uncertainties, and too much at stake, for taxpayers to be cut out of the decision making process for an infrastructure project of this magnitude.

The Legislature has tried to be a productive partner in this process. The fact remains, however, that during formal House committee hearings and following Senate Committee hearings, seven concerns have never been addressed:

1. No investment grade study has been conducted to support claims that tolls will pay for the bridge.
2. No legislative oversight is included in the agreement with Canada.
3. No reference to the Michigan "Open Meetings Act" in the proposed agreement. Federal Courts have ruled this is needed to ensure American access to meetings.
4. No ban or limit to the creation of a community benefits program for Detroit and Windsor. During House discussion Detroit wanted \$100 million with no strings attached.
5. The Governor's agreement violates PA 63 sec 384 passed by the legislators and signed by the Governor. It states, "MDOT shall not commit the state to any new contract related to the construction planning or construction of the Detroit River International Crossing or a renamed success-

or unless the Legislature has enacted specific enabling legislation to allow for construction."

6. The agreement has no reference to the Michigan Freedom of Information Act. Federal courts have ruled that the news and media outlets in New York have no standing when requesting information on New York/Canadian bridge authorities.

7. The governor's agreement violates PA 236 which was passed by the legislature and signed by the Governor in June of 2012.

In reference to concern number one, the House Transportation Committee received some additional information.

This past spring executives from the Detroit Windsor Tunnel and the Detroit Windsor Rail Tunnel testified that traffic increases between the two cities will not exceed 1.5 percent in the foreseeable future. This figure is consistent with economic forecasts related to the crossing needs given in both the Michigan House and Senate.

In addition, the "public private partnership" industry admits that projects of this scope and magnitude have large cost overruns and typically over estimate potential future revenue by as much as 50 percent. We have two examples of this happening right here in Michigan: our own Mackinac Bridge and the second span built between Port Huron and Sarnia.

Finally, Gov. Snyder has promised the NITC would bring jobs and enhance industry in our state. But as a Canadian Crossing Authority will control the design and construction of the bridge, and the governor has requested a waiver from federal requirements for the use of only U.S.-produced iron and steel, there is great uncertainty as to whether the project would bring any tangible benefits to Michigan.

Proposal 6 does not stop the construction of the bridge, it simply gives us a say. The governor may believe he can ignore the will of the people's elected officials, but he cannot ignore the people when they voice their will directly.

That is why I will be voting YES on Proposal 6.

Rep. Paul Opsommer, R-Dewitt, represents Michigan's 33rd District in the State House of Representatives, where he serves as Associate Speaker Pro Tempore and Chair of the House Transportation Committee.

CON: 'No' vote on Proposal 6 good for jobs, economy

By Gov. Rick Snyder  
Guest Columnist

Proposal 6 is bad for Michigan's future. It asks voters to approve a constitutional amendment that would require a vote of the people before any new bridge or tunnel could be built between Michigan and Canada. Because the proposal is poorly written, it may impact new bridges needed across the state as well.

I am voting NO because it jeopardizes a binding agreement Michigan has made with Canada for a New International Trade Crossing at no cost to our state — threatening the creation of thousands of jobs — and because it could hamper future projects needed to improve our state's infrastructure.

A billion-dollar special interest is funding this proposal and is spending millions of dollars to air misleading advertisements to coerce your vote. This special interest actually owns the existing 83-year-old Ambassador Bridge, a trucking company that hauls things across the bridge, and even a gas station conveniently located nearby. It's understandable that such a monopoly would fight so hard to keep things the same. But what's good for this monopoly is not good for Michigan.

The importance of the crossing cannot be overstated. It is the single most important trade crossing between the United States and Canada, our country's number one trade partner. Nearly 70 percent of all commercial truck traffic in the region, about 8,000 trucks every day, crosses our two countries at that location. That equated to more than \$120 billion in goods last year alone. About 218,000 Michigan jobs rely on trade with our neighbor. It is significant. But the Ambassador Bridge is outdated, vulnerable and actually limits our economic growth. We need both bridges.

A 21st century economy deserves a modern infrastructure, particularly when it involves America's busiest

trade crossing. In June, I joined Canada's Prime Minister Stephen Harper in announcing the New International Trade Crossing between Detroit and Windsor. This new bridge will provide direct, highway to highway access for commuters, unlike the existing span that dumps traffic onto city streets.

Also, the new bridge will be six lanes wide and feature dedicated lanes for preselected commercial haulers, which will benefit the auto industry and is one of the reasons why Ford, Chrysler and General Motors all support the plan. The Ambassador Bridge is narrow, which often causes lengthy traffic backups. A new, more efficient customs plaza will also enable speedy inspections. All of these modern features will allow more products made and grown in Michigan to be marketed and sold faster, and that's good for our businesses and families.

The NITC is all about jobs. It will better support the hundreds of thousands of existing jobs that rely on trade with Canada. In the short term it would create nearly 12,000 good-paying construction-related jobs to build the bridge, and in the long term it will create even more.

Thousands of citizens, major manufacturers and retailers, chambers of commerce, and Republican and Democratic leaders all recognize it is a wonderful opportunity for Michigan and one that will not cost us anything.

The cost of the NITC has been a major focus of proponents of Proposal 6. Misleading ad after misleading ad claims it will cost Michigan. Those ads are not true. The NITC will not cost Michigan taxpayers. Independent reviews have verified this fact. Canada will fund the bridge entirely and a private concessionaire will design, build, finance and operate it.

A "No" vote on Proposal 6 is a vote for Michigan and will help create more and better jobs and a future for our kids.

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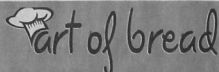
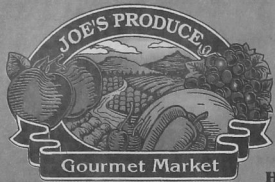
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## DIVISION 1 GIRLS GOLF FINALS

# That's a first!

## Plymouth girls golf team wins school's first-ever championship

By Tim Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

Dan Young must have wondered what he stumbled into when he took over Plymouth's girls golf team in August.

Young took over from Chris Moore — the man who "built this program from scratch" — after Moore stepped down to become an assistant principal.

There were heavy expectations because the team Young inherited featured stellar seniors Kelsey Murphy and Sarah Thompson as well as a 2011 season that came just short of glory.

Last year's Wildcats finished third at the Division 1 finals, and Murphy placed third after leading the individual competition with four holes to play.

On Saturday at Michigan State University's Forest Akers East Golf Course, Young got his answer and the Wildcats finished the job. Plymouth captured the D1

championship with a two-day tally of 659 strokes, 11 better than Farmington Hills Mercy.

It marked the first state title in the history of the decade-old high school. And Murphy, with a 73-75-148 scoreline, was medalist. Second overall was Utica's Taylor Clark (74-75-149).

"I couldn't be more happy for the girls," Young said. "You don't realize how hard these girls have worked, and how much time they've put in. It's just paid off."

"And it's tough to be No. 1-ranked the entire season and actually deal with that pressure of everybody saying 'Did you win, did you win?' then coming through and doing it."

The Wildcats led the 15-team field after Friday's play with a 331 score (ahead of Utica's 338 and Mercy's 339) and didn't let up on Saturday.

"The girls just did what they had to do," Young

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The smiles say it all after Plymouth's varsity girls golf team won the high school's first championship in any sport.

## Hole-in-one club grows

The list of golfers sinking hole-in-ones at Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center in Plymouth keeps on growing.

- On Oct. 9, 67-year-old Jay Gajda of Westland did the trick. He used a 7-iron and Slezenger ball to ace the 144-yard No. 5 hole at the Woodlands course.

- On Oct. 8, Harry Kazanjian of Farmington Hills used a 7-iron to ace the 129-yard No. 6 hole at the Hills course. Kazanjian, 84, sank a Taylor Made ball and finished with a round of 92.

- On Sept. 27, Toledo resident John Bunker used an 8-iron to register a hole-in-one on the 142-yard No. 14 hole at the Golden course.

- Dick Butz, 86, of Livonia, aced the 110-yard No. 5 hole at the Woodlands course on Sept. 26. He used a pitching wedge and finished with a score of 75. It was his second career hole-in-one.

- On Sept. 23, Livonia resident David Bostic, 65, aced the 121-yard No. 6 hole at the Hills course.

- Earlier, holes-in-one were scored by Livonian Tim Dwojak (Sept. 18) and Westland's Ken Kulpa (Aug. 18), both at the Golden course.

# It's playoff deja vu for campus rivals

## PLAYOFF PREVIEW

By Tim Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

It happens every October.

The leaves change color, pumpkins take over front porches and Plymouth and Canton square off in the MHSAA Division 1 football playoffs.

Those battle-tested campus rivals will be at it again 7 p.m. Friday, just three weeks after the Wildcats overcame a Canton halftime lead to prevail 28-21.

There was a bit of a twist, however.

The Wildcats, despite a Week 9 throttling at the hands of Grand Blanc, bring a 7-2 record into the first-round showdown — the fifth year in a row for the postseason clash. But Canton needed to win back-to-back contests against Salem just to get the requisite fifth and sixth victories to qualify for the playoffs.

Canton's latest victory over the hard-luck Rocks was almost like flipping a coin and seeing how it landed. Nothing was certain until the final seconds elapsed, with the Chiefs hanging on 28-27.

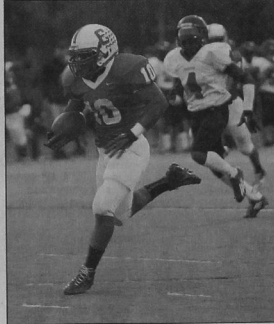


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Plymouth quarterback Jamarl Elland (No. 5) will look to keep the Wildcats' season alive Friday against Canton.

After the Rocks scored a touchdown in the final minute to get to within 28-27, an unsuccessful two-point conversion proved the difference.

Of course, Salem won the subsequent onside kick and had one last-ditch chance at a victory and postseason berth — which would have been

the first since 1991. Unfortunately for coach Kurt Britnell and his players (many who were part of Britnell's first freshman-to-senior class), a 45-yard field-goal attempt sailed to the right of the goal posts to once again disappoint the royal blue nation. Salem, as a 5-4 squad,



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
Big gainers such as this one earlier this season from Canton running back Malcolm Hollingsworth (No. 10) could help the Chiefs get past Plymouth.

came up just short of qualifying for the playoffs as an additional qualifier. Who came in just ahead of them? Those pesky Shamrocks of Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, another example of the more things change the more they stay the same.

The Rocks opened 2012

with a 5-1 record and looked poised to finally crack the postseason barrier, which could have resulted in three teams from Plymouth-Canton Educational Park participating. Unfortunately, they were beset with injuries and an unlucky

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## Whalers' Wilson on Team OHL

Forward Tom Wilson of the Plymouth Whalers was named to Team OHL for the 2012 Subway Super Series set for early next month.

Wilson's team will face the Russian National Junior Team Nov. 8 in Guelph, Ont., Canada and on Monday, Nov. 12 in Sarnia. There were 34 players selected for Team OHL.

## Parent earns WHAC honor

Madonna University sophomore striker Ashley Parents (Ann Arbor, Ontario) has been selected as the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Women's Soccer Offensive Player of the Week (ending Oct. 21).

Parent earned the award for the first time in her career and her selection marks the fourth time a Crusader has been selected this season.

She joins fellow sophomore Katlyn Krysiak who has been selected three times (Sept. 17, Oct. 8, Oct. 15).

On Oct. 17, Parent set two program records — most goals in a single match (5) and most points (11) in a single match — against Lawrence Tech. Her five goals broke the previous mark of four set by All-Americans Kelly Japowicz (2005) and Sarah Pack (2005 in 2003).

The 11 points is the most since Japowicz collected nine points against the Indiana Tech seven years and 12 days prior to Parent's feat.

## BOYS SOCCER DISTRICTS

# 'Cats stun Rocks on PKs

By Tim Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

Plymouth's Mario Gruszczynski kept punching the ball out of the danger zone near his goal Saturday and ultimately landed a serious punch in the gut to Salem's championship hopes.

Gruszczynski made countless clutch stops to enable Plymouth to earn a 1-0 victory in the Division 1 District 7 championship contest at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's varsity turf stadium.

The win gave Plymouth its first district title in varsity boys' soccer.

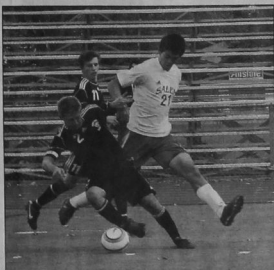


PHOTOS BY JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO  
Batting the ball away during Saturday's Division 1 district final is Plymouth goalkeeper Mario Gruszczynski.

"We were trying to come in with a defensive mindset because we lost 3-0 to Salem the first time," said Gruszczynski,

after hoisting the district trophy with teammates. "But I came in here and

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PHOTOS BY JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO  
Plymouth's Chandler Olah (No. 2) tries to keep possession of the ball despite pursuit from Salem's Chris Dierker (No. 21). In the background for the Wildcats is Kris Janewski (No. 11).

## SOCCER

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wanted to make sure we didn't give anything up. "We lost a player at the end of the first half to a red card, so we had to dig even deeper. The whole game we were trying to get to those PKs."

The senior goalkeeper indeed was the primary reason the Division 1 district final between the Wildcats and state-ranked Rocks did not end in regulation.

After Gruszczynski and Salem counterpart Collin Hewett navigated through two 10-minute overtime sessions, the scoreless match came down to penalty kicks.

### Coming up huge

In the fifth round of PKs, with each team having scored twice, Plymouth junior forward Viet Nguyen's low drive beat Hewett inside the left post, giving the Wildcats the district title. Plymouth (11-7-0) advanced to face Ann Arbor Skyline Tuesday, in a regional semifinal at Farmington High School.

"It (PKs) started off with two misses, it wasn't a good way to do it," Plymouth head coach Jeff Neschich said. "But we finished off strong and Mario again came up huge."

After Nguyen found the mark, the Wildcats celebrated in a pile of happy humanity near the 20-yard line. Nguyen later smiled about being able to come through, especially after leaving the game during overtime due to a leg injury. "I was cramping up, I was dehydrated," Nguyen said. "I couldn't walk. So I came out and drank a lot of water."

He wouldn't miss being part of the PK lineup for anything. "That's one of my specialties and I wanted to take the biggest one of my life here," Nguyen noted.

Salem head coach Ed McCarthy said the match was lost when the Rocks could not find the back of the Plymouth goal during the 80 minutes of regulation.

The pressure to score mounted as the game proceeded.

McCarthy knew the Wildcats would be attempting to build a defensive wall and get the game to the PK round, especially after Plymouth lost junior defender Brian Brown to a red card with two minutes left in



Plymouth's varsity boys soccer team enjoys its first-ever district championship Saturday, after a 1-0 win over Salem. Hoisting the district trophy is 'Cats senior goalkeeper Mario Gruszczynski, called the "man of the match" with numerous key stops.



A happy bunch of Wildcats celebrate their district championship victory.

the first half. Brown was penalized for batting a ball away from the goal, saving a certain Salem goal.

Salem junior forward Connor Cole took the resulting penalty kick, but his low shot toward the inside of the right post was stopped by one of Gruszczynski's many all-out dives. It is estimated the goalie and his defense withstood a barrage of more than 25 shots — including many right on the doorstep.

### No way

"Plymouth did a tremendous job of making it difficult to score although we literally had dozens of opportunities and couldn't find a way to get it across the goal line," McCarthy said. "They were able to effectively have three, four, five guys standing on the goal line which I've never seen before."

McCarthy called Gruszczynski the "man of the match" and he wasn't alone making that assessment.

"Mario had the greatest game I've ever seen him

play," Olah said. "He's the man of the match and he deserves to hold that trophy in the (team) picture."

According to Neschich, the Rocks "threw everything at us and all we could do was keep the ball out of our net. That was our focus. He (Gruszczynski) was incredible tonight."

The Rocks, who finished 16-3-4, briefly had the upper hand in PKs, when Connor Cole drove a shot past Gruszczynski into the center of the goal.

Hewett then elevated and threw himself sideways to block Plymouth's first PK, taken by Daniel Butes.

In the second round, Gruszczynski punched aside senior Andriy Pelekh's attempt and Vikas Kanneganti hit the crossbar behind Hewett.

### Something to remember

Salem took a 2-0 lead in PKs when Brady Cole sent a low shot into the left corner. The Wildcats' Chris Lebioda responded with a blast into the top left corner to make it 2-1 entering the fourth

round. Rocks' senior co-captain Tyler Fosdick hit the crossbar before the Wildcats drew even on Olah's low kick inside the left post.

Then came the tell-tale fifth round, with Salem senior co-captain Luke Hazen stopped by Gruszczynski's dive to his right. That left it all up to Nguyen.

Brady Cole said players who will be back in 2013 won't forget how the season ended for Salem.

"I think it really helps us," Cole said. "It will make us work harder and motivate us to do better next year."

As for seniors who are done for their prep careers instead of embarking on a long post-season march, McCarthy gave them a verbal pat on the back.

"Chris Dierker had a strong performance today and I'm really proud of our seniors overall," McCarthy said. "The defenders were very good for us all year. We had a very, very good year."

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# Skyline stops Plymouth's tourney run

By Tim Smith  
Observer Staff Writer

The buzz of winning the district championship for the first time didn't have much of a carry-over effect for Plymouth's varsity boys soccer team.

On Tuesday night in a Division 1 regional semifinal at Farmington High School, it only took Ann Arbor Skyline 1:42 to do what Salem failed to do in 100 minutes just three days earlier in the district final — put the ball past Plymouth senior goalkeeper Mario Gruszczynski.

Although the Wildcats quickly answered when senior Ted Phillips scored to make it a 1-1 tie, the Eagles regained a lead before halftime and went on to post a 3-1 victory.

Skyline will face Novi Thursday night in the regional final.

"We bounced right back and scored on them," Wildcats head coach Jeff Neschich said. "They were just a real strong team out here and they were a little fresher than us."

"That game on Saturday (against Salem) really took a toll on us."

### No shame

Neschich said the loss did not diminish his team's outstanding run through the districts.

"After starting out 0-5-2 to end as strong as we did," Neschich said, "like I told the boys before the game Saturday, if you want to turn a good season into a great season, win this game. And they did."

"We fell a little short tonight, but the boys put a good effort out there. They (Wildcats) turned a good season into a great season by winning three tough ball games in districts."

Plymouth (11-8-0) knocked off Livonia Churchill and state-ranked Canton before eliminating another top tier squad in Salem.

Against Skyline, sophomore Alec Lasinski put the Eagles up 1-0 when he booted home a rebound inside the left post past Gruszczynski.

But with 33:33 to play in the half, Phillips answered. He received a pass from sophomore Calvin McCracken and

lifted a high shot from about 25 yards that hit just inside the crossbar for the tally.

"I just basically turned and I took a good shot," Phillips said. "It got deflected, took a good bounce and went in."

For the next 20 minutes or so, Plymouth evaded Skyline fairly evenly with several corner-kick chances.

Skyline, however, played those perfectly to keep pressure to a minimum against goalkeeper Cameron Lekas.

"They're just a well-disciplined team and they spread out the field really well," Neschich said. "And they matched up well on corner kicks and set plays."

### Tacking on

Then with 13:06 left in the half, the Eagles went up 2-1.

The ball caromed right to Lasinski inside the box and he made no mistake with it.

In the second half, the swift, slick-passing Eagles continued to force the issue and nearly scored with 31 minutes remaining.

A shot by Lasinski cleanly beat Gruszczynski, but Plymouth senior defender Kris Janewski threw out a leg to save the day.

Janewski blocked the shot right along the goal line, enabling the keeper to cover it up.

Skyline did tack on an insurance goal with 10 minutes to play, on a beautiful individual effort by Nick Russo.

That goal took the wind out of Plymouth's sails, although senior co-captain Chandler Olah said the squad kept battling.

"It didn't help that we were two down with only 10 minutes to go," Olah said. "We did the best we could, we tried to possess the best we could."

"We should have capitalized on some of the opportunities in and around the box, but other than that we played our hearts out."

Phillips said the Wildcats "had them on the ropes, but when they scored it kind of put us down a little bit."

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Stevenson (6-3) at Churchill (9-0), 7 p.m.	Churchill	Churchill	Churchill	Churchill
Canton (6-3) at Plymouth (7-2), 7 p.m.	Carlton	Carlton	Plymouth	Carlton
Harrison (6-3) at Fenton (8-1), 7 p.m.	Harrison	Harrison	Harrison	Harrison
Farrington (6-3) at WL Western (7-2), 7 p.m.	Farrington	Western	Western	Western
<b>Saturday, Oct. 27</b>				
Melvindale AB&T (6-3) at Lutheran Westland (6-3), 2 p.m.	Westland	Westland	AB&T	AB&T
Clarencville (6-3) at Notre Dame Prep (6-1), 7 p.m.	Prep	Clarencville	Prep	Prep
<b>Last week</b>				
<b>Overall</b>	<b>72-39</b>	<b>82-29</b>	<b>84-27</b>	<b>88-23</b>

# Playoff encore for Warriors

By Brad Emmons  
Observer Staff Writer

With quarterback Jacob Richer leading the way, Lutheran High Westland is back in the Division 8 state football playoffs for the second year in a row. The Warriors automatically clinched a spot with their sixth win of the season earning a 19-14 triumph last Saturday at home over Detroit Allen Academy.

Lutheran Westland (6-3) gets a rematch in Region 2-District 2 beginning at 2 p.m. Saturday at home against Melvindale Academy of Business & Technology (6-3), which is coming off a 20-14 loss to Riverview Gabriel Richer.

In last year's first-round game, AB&T's elusive 5-foot-7 quarterback Darrylnotay Hines torched the Warriors for 208 yards rushing and 99 more to a 46-14 victory.

"They (AB&T) have tons of speed, but Gabriel Richer ran right at them and had good success," Lutheran Westland coach Paul Gusé said. "They got kids who can run the ball for sure. They ran the ball well, but they (Richer) kept them off field by running right at them, and that's hopefully what we can do as well."

The Warriors racked up all 420 yards of their total offense against Allen Academy (2-6) with the 5-foot-8, 145-pound Richer going for a game-high 241 yards on 28 carries.

Allen, however, scored first on a 45-yard Patrick Thomas-to-Pikiya Ellis scoring pass (followed by the two-point conversion) after an 11-play Lutheran Westland drive stalled at the Wildcats' 45.

Richer then went to work with second-quarter TD runs of 44 and 14 yards to give the Warriors a 12-8 lead at halftime.

Lutheran Westland came out in the third quarter with a surprise

play when Martin Kemp recovered his own inside kick and later scored on a 9-yard TD run.

Kemp finished the game with 134 yards on 20 carries to augment Richer's big afternoon. Although leading 19-8, there were a few anxious moments for the Warriors during the final period.

With 4:40 to play and Lutheran Westland forced to punt deep in its own end, Allen Academy's Terrance Love returned the punt 35 yards for a TD to cut the deficit to five.

The Warriors then fumbled at midfield, but their defense held at fourth-and-two on their own 44 to seal the victory with one carry just over two minutes remaining before running out the clock.

Greg Klein had a total of six tackles, including two sacks, to lead the Lutheran Westland defense which held Allen Academy to 88 yards rushing on 19 attempts.

(Thomas was 11-of-14 passing for 119 yards.) Jonah Lambert also came with a pair of fumble recoveries, the second of which led to Richer's go-ahead TD in the second quarter.

The victory, however, proved to be costly for the Warriors, who lost sophomore tight end and defensive end Jacob Davenport, the team's leading tackler, to a broken leg in the second quarter.

Sophomore running back and corner back Austin Olsen, a key contributor of late, was also held out due to injury. "The kids who replaced them did a good job," Gusé said. "We had to play it close to the vest. Allen was big up front and I thought we handled them well. It was a good run-up to the Melvindale game."

"We're excited about having a home game."

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# Steelers still perfect

The Plymouth-Canton Steelers junior-varsity football team improved to 7-0 on Friday afternoon with a 45-28 victory over the host Westland Comets.

The visitors opened the scoring on their first possession when Mason Phillips — following a path paved by Seth Trozszak and Lou Bacchler — darted 35 yards to the end zone. A short time later, Ryan Young connected with Danny Lanava on a 15-yard scoring strike.

Bacchler got into the scoring act later in the first quarter when he followed backs by Trozszak, Parker Selby and Chase Willis.

Sam Brusca tallied his 50th point of the season when he galloped in from five yards out — four plays after

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he returned a kick-off 75 yards to the Comets 5. Selby and Aaron Garbarino executed key blocks on the TD run.

The first of two fourth-quarter TD's for the Steelers came when Ben Wright hit Billy Florh with a 16-yard scoring pass out of the "Wildcat" formation. The Steelers' final TD came on James Hanson's 50-yard kick-off return.

Chase Cunningham did a stellar job of long-snapping when the Steelers instituted the "Wildcat" in the second quarter.

Defensively, Florh, AJ Neal and Tyson all recovered fumbles; and Wright intercepted a Westland pass. Carson Miller, Ian Gozдор, Ben

Bennett, Nick Prevo and Calvin Vos all excelled on defense for the winners.

Freshmen win The Steelers freshmen squad upended the Comets, 20-6, to improve to 5-2. The "Steel Curtain" defense was led by Adam Janek, Nate Cain, Logan Walkley, Tyler Overatits, Aidan Garbarino, Zach Sweet, Justin Tafelski and Mason Hackedy.

Walkley paced the Steelers' defense with 83 yards rushing and a TD. Darian Moore and Jason Perko also scored for P-C. Quarterback Ethan Rotzell completed five of six passes for 98 yards and a score. Cooper Day had 62 yards on a pair of passes for 53 yards.

Offensive linemen Cenzi DeFelice, Brenden Jankowski, Quinn Mar-

co, Luke Every, Jimmy McCarthy, Tafelski and Nolan Mathew opened holes for the Steelers' contingent of running backs. Keagan Witczak registered three pancake blocks.

Ben Zwaruka, Donlin, Andrew Uhlman and Jonathan Simpson were all dominant on special teams for the Steelers.

The Steelers will the cross-town rivals Canton Lions on Saturday at Central Middle School.

The junior-freshmen game will kick-off at 2 p.m.; the freshmen game is set for 4 p.m. The junior-varsity contest is scheduled for 6 p.m. and the varsity game will begin at approximately 8 p.m.

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# Solid effort by Canton Lions

The Canton Lions varsity team dropped to a record of 4-2 after suffering a heartbreaking loss on the final play Oct. 7 against the Redford Rangers, losing 32-30.

The game was full of excitement throughout as the first half was played in monsoon type winds and rain. Nevertheless, the Lions jumped out to an early lead on a 3-yard touchdown run by Jason Arnold.

Miles Davenport recorded touchdowns runs of 40 and 80 yards to round out the first half scoring by the Lions.

The second half scoring occurred on a 70 yard touchdown run by Arnold and a safety recorded by the Lions defense late in the fourth quarter for the Lions to retake the lead.

The final drive of the Rangers was halted many times by strong defensive plays by David Mason, Matt Steele, Jason Glunt, C.J. Wieloch, Ian Kovach, Devon Gunn, Trevor Costanzo, Sterling Gingles, and Gus Lee, Jr.

Offensively, the Lions moved the ball all day, however, the passing game was stunted by the weather. Many players contributed to the offensive contribution, led by great blocking from Max Mulvaney, Kyrece Smith, Matt Wayne, Devon Gunn, Zach Olson, Ricky Kuzdak, and Alex Mattson.

The Lions freshman team battled hard against the Rangers for a 12-7 victory. Austin Askew made his first appearance and played hard on the defensive

and offensive lines, also pushing the offense into the field with a first down run.

There were carries by Owen Kees, Byron McCormick, Cian McGill, Ezell Snipes, Tywanne Williams and Jerome Nichols. These efforts were made possible through the efforts of Jack Mulvaney, Luke Nader, and Josh Webster on the offensive line.

The defense played exceptionally well, with multiple turnovers on downs awarded to the Lions. Joshua Bergevin and Sean Britt were instrumental on the defensive line to open opportunities for tackles by Tyler Thompson, Sheldon Lyall, Spencer Korrach, Ivan Davis and Mason Abughannan who had with multiple tackles.

The Lions junior freshmen got their spark back in their game against the Rangers.

The offense, led by Jacob Mason, was invigorated with carries by Foster Garrett, Joshua Nichols, Brandon Owens and a touchdown run by Tyrus Bond. Strong blocking by the O-line of William Beaty, Logan Holt, Jack Richer and Daniel Baldwin keyed the TD drive.

Defensively, standouts included Gavin Bobb, Kristopher Easley, Dominic Johnson, Jeffrey Shipp, Andon Locke, Derik Watson, Luke Rayborn and Ayden Walasky.

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pairing with Canton in the Week 8 crossover tilt. Canton posted a 4-3 record entering that game and needed to win out — which they did. Led by seniors Kendall Scott, Cameron Dillard and Malcolm Hollingsworth, the Chiefs were not about to let their season end against their "cross-creek" rivals.

**Close call**  
And now comes another toe-to-toe clash between the Wildcats

and Chiefs. Plymouth senior quarterback Jamarl Eiland and his Canton counterpart (sophomore Greg Williams) are both capable of doing whatever is needed — whether by air or ground — to beat the opposing defense.

Both teams boast elite coaching staffs and a winning pedigree, with the Wildcats reaching the 2010 DI finals and the Chiefs just as determined and talented to reach Ford Field.

A few weeks ago, Plymouth's supreme defense (sparked by senior Nate Emminger, who always seems to be at the right

place at the right time) shut down the Chiefs in the second half to prevail. But last Friday's 44-7 drubbing at the hands of Grand Blanc put a dent in that defensive armor, however.

Knowing Plymouth's D isn't as impenetrable, can the Chiefs get the upper hand this time around?

Yes they can. But the slightest of edges here still goes to the Wildcats, because of Eiland's experience and the still-fresh memory of that 2010 march to the finals.

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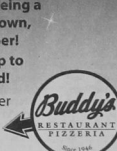
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Plymouth's varsity girls golf team cheerfully poses with the Division 1 championship trophy Saturday in East Lansing.

# Canton loses Gold semifinal; Rocks reach Silver finals

There was no place like home, especially for the Novi girls volleyball team, which captured Saturday's KLAAs Association Gold tournament.

The host Wildcats defeated Northville in the championship final, 20-25, 25-16, 16-14, to outlast the 12-school field which include the top three finishers in each of the KLAAs South, Central, North and West divisions.

Novi reached the final with a 25-18, 25-16 victory over Canton, while Northville ousted Brighton in the other semifinal.

Livonia Stevenson (26-16) and state-ranked Livonia Churchill (44-8-2) were the eighth and ninth seeds, respectively, coming out of pool play. Churchill eliminated Stevenson in three sets, 14-25, 25-22, 15-11, before losing to Northville in the quarterfinals, 20-25, 25-12.

Paul D. Churchill fell to Walled Lake Northern (20-25, 20-25) and split with Stevenson (25-18, 24-26) and Canton (24-26, 25-16).

**Silver tourney** Salem went undefeated all the way to the finals of the KLAAs Silver tournament Saturday at Westland John Glenn.



Several Salem volleyball players enjoy team camaraderie during a recent match. The Rocks had a successful showing in the Silver bracket of the KLAAs tournament.

But that's where the Rocks lost 20-25, 21-25 to Howell.

Salem got there by defeating Waterford Mott, Pinckney and John Glenn in pool play before defeating South Lyon East (25-12, 25-13) and Wayne Memorial (25-20, 25-13).

"Overall we had an excellent day," Salem head coach Amanda Nies said. "We played very well and stayed tough throughout the whole day."

"It seemed like we ran out of a little steam in the final and started making errors and giving them points," she said. "It was service errors."

"We have really been working in practice of constantly going for the

ball and reacting."

She said Bree Beaver had a notable outing, with 30 kills and eight blocks.

"There were some attacks today that made you jump out of your seat and just say wow," Nies said. "She was impressive and we have been working on this for a long time and its so great to see it really connect." Other strong showings were noted by Nancy Krutty (104 assists), Abigail Dworzain (31 kills, 32 digs), Erika Hatcher (45 aces) and Nicole Jablonski (10 aces and 16 straight service points).

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They hung in there and took it one hole at a time, one stroke at a time. "It's kind of what we've been talking about. Everybody's just ecstatic right now."

### Leading the way

On hand for the big day was Moore, and Young was glad he was there.

"Chris started the program, he was the only coach in the history of the school, for girls, up until August," Young said. "And he's the one that built this program, from scratch, and he has here today. I just want to congratulate him."

"We were just lucky to be in the right place at the right time, and be able to meet these girls and

build a relationship from August until now. And to be in this situation and for it to all work out, we're just blessed."

Murphy led the Plymouth charge, determined not to have a late letdown on a 2011.

"Kelsey was unbelievably strong, mentally," Young said. "She was the leader after Day 1, as well as we (Wildcats) were."

"To come back the next day and to basically have to continue to hang on, with everybody shooting at you, it's all mental. And so I couldn't be more happy for her and the rest of the girls."

Thompson bounced back from a tough opening day (86) to register an 80 score on Day 2, for a 166 total.

"She (Thompson) was so tough today," Young said. "She was down and out, obviously, yesterday, based

on how she played and her own expectations.

"She was so mentally tough today, she hung in there and just played like a champion."

The sixth grader, senior Daniella Allen, was Forest Akers' in support, she had a great reason for us," Young added.

Another individual qualifier from Plymouth-Canton Educational Park was Canton junior Kelsey McDougall, and she finished an excellent two-day showing.

McDougall was third among other qualifiers with a 86-83-169 total.

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## GIRLS SWIM RESULTS



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Salem's Julia Suriano, shown from a dual meet earlier this season, was one of a number of the team's veterans who excelled on "Senior Night" against Livonia Stevenson last week.

### DUAL MEET RESULTS

#### SALEM 98

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Oct. 18 at Salem (Senior Night)

**200-yd medley relay:** 1. Salem (Abby Aumiller, Linda Zhang, Lisa Zhang, Julia Suriano), 1:53.30; 2. Salem (Stephanie Solterman, Hannah Pollard, Andrea Ringer, Patricia Freitag), 2:02.18.

**200 freestyle:** 1. Suriano (Salem), 2:01.40; 2. Aumiller (Salem), 2:03.25; 6. Freitag (Salem), 2:07.45.

**200 individual medley:** 1. Linda Zhang (Salem), 2:11.47; 4. Solterman (Salem), 2:24.10; 5. Annie Patterson (Salem),

2:26.39.  
**500 freestyle:** 1. Lisa Zhang (Salem), 55.47; 4. Gorman (Salem), 27.11; A. Cassidy Sargent (Salem), 27.72.  
**1-meter diving:** 1. Bridget Mau (Salem), 168.45 points; **300 butterfly:** 2. Patterson (Salem), 1:04.92; 3. Ringer (Salem), 1:07.25; 5. Claire Amin (Salem), 1:09.93.  
**100 freestyle:** 1. Lisa Zhang (Salem), 55.47; 4. Gorman (Salem), 58.41; 6. Jacey Lamoureux (Salem), 1:02.11.  
**500 freestyle:** 2. Suriano (Salem), 5:23.75; 5. Freitag (Salem), 5:41.16; 6. Vincenza Zala (Salem), 5:41.41.  
**200-free relay:** 1. Salem (Linda Zhang, Gorman, Patterson, Su-

rano), 1:46.09; 4. Salem (Amin, Sargent, Zala, Ringer), 1:52.86; 6. Maam (Lamoureux, Amber Schmitt, Abi Collingwood, Melanie Turner), 2:04.04.  
**100 backstroke:** 1. Aumiller (Salem), 1:31.65; 4. Solterman (Salem), 1:06.92; 6. McKenzie Maurice (Salem), 1:10.40.  
**100 breaststroke:** 1. Linda Zhang (Salem), 1:09.12; 5. Pollard (Salem), 1:21.41; 6. Kristy Rupp (Salem), 1:22.64.  
**400-free relay:** 1. Salem (Lisa Zhang, Gorman, Solterman, Aumiller), 3:47.50; 5. Salem (Patterson, Freitag, Ringer, Zala), 4:08.96; 6. Salem (Lamoureux, Maddie Makowski, Amin, Hannah Tardiff), 4:19.22.

### C'ville notches hat trick at quad

It was clean sweep Tuesday night for the Livonia Clarenceville girls volleyball team in Lutheran Westland Quad.

The Trojans improved to 18-17-4 overall with wins over Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (25-22, 22-25, 15-9), the host Warriors (22-25, 20-23, 15-11) and Newport Lutheran South (25-19, 25-19).

"We played really good volleyball tonight all the teams played well there were some really good volleyball teams," Clarenceville coach Wendy Merschman said. "At times we struggled with serving and communication, but in the end played together and dug deep for a couple of close wins."

Setter Nicole Kurdziel led the way with 48 assist-to-kills.

Other contributors Ayanna Buckley (19 kills, seven blocks, five aces); Tanya Vermier (12 kills, four blocks); Ashley Mur-

phy (12 kills, five blocks); and Jodi Ankiel (10 kills).

Against Lutheran Westland, Summer Reddick and Kelsey Griffin came through defensively with 11 and 10 digs, respectively.

Erica Katz and Hunter Iuliano also combined for five blocks.

In the win over Lutheran South, the Trojans also received strong serving from Justine Bateman, Christine Hurmiz and Tayla Heller, while sophomore Sarah Curvin came in and added two important kills.

"Everyone added a little something and that's what I love about this team," Merschman said.

### Trojans go 2-2

On Saturday, Clarenceville reached the gold bracket in the University of Michigan-Dearborn Tournament. Michigan-Monroe Bay ousted the Trojans, who went 2-2 on

the day, 25-16, 24-26, 15-19.

In pool play, Monroe St. Mary's defeated Central beat the Trojans, 25-11, 25-21.

Clarenceville then bounced back to beat Taylor Kennedy (25-21, 25-19) and Southfield Christian (25-22, 25-18).

Buckley paced Clarenceville with 33 kills, seven blocks, 10 aces and 23 digs on the day.

Other leaders for the Trojans included Murphy (20 kills, 12 blocks); Vermier (19 kills, six blocks); Ankiel (31 digs); and Hurmiz (26 digs).

"The girls played well we took an early loss to St. Mary, but recovered with confidence," Merschman said. "We played really well defensively and covered the floor well."

The Trojans also got strong play at the net from Ketz and Iuliano, while Griffin and Reddick stood out defensively.

## SPORTS ROUNDUP

### Patriot mat sale

The Franklin wrestling team will hold a mattress sale fundraiser from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27, at the high school, 3100 Joy Road, Livonia.

Prices are \$40 to 60 percent off retail with factory warranty name brands such as Simmons, Southcrest and Restonic. All sizes are available in pillow top, orthopedic and memory foam. (Mattress protectors and frames available.)

Over 1,200 tread count sheets set are available in 12 different colors for only \$38 to also help support the program. (Visit [www.just1200threadcountsheet.com](http://www.just1200threadcountsheet.com) and enter the code LFWR to receive the discount price.)

To receive an additional \$50 off coupon, e-mail Franklin wrestling coach Dave Chiola at [chiola44@yahoo.com](mailto:chiola44@yahoo.com).

**Hole-in-one club** On Oct. 16, Phil Skender, of Livonia, used an 8-iron to ace the 150-yard No. 2 hole at Northville Hills Golf Club.

### WYAA volleyball

Registration for Westland Youth Athletic Association volleyball is underway and will last through mid-November for the following age groups: 9-10 (freshman), 11-13 (JV) and 14-17 (varsity).

Cost is \$130 (includes volleyball jersey with neon colors, shorts and knee pads). Practices begin in mid-November and matches start in early December. You can register online at [wyaa.org](http://wyaa.org).

For more information, call Keith Demolay at (734) 722-1251 and leave a message.

### Youth wrestling

Registration for the Westland Bottle Rockets Wrestling Club (ages 4-14) will be from 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 6 at the John Glenn High School (wrestling room), 36105 Mackquette, Westland. The membership fee is \$50 (includes T-shirt). Beginners meet from

5:30-6:30 p.m. and advanced wrestlers from 6:15-7:45 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning Nov. 27.

To obtain a copy of the registration form, visit [www.glenwrestling.com](http://www.glenwrestling.com).

For more information, e-mail [brclubwrestling@gmail.com](mailto:brclubwrestling@gmail.com); or call Judy Lawrence at (734) 634-4595.

### Livonia wrestling

The Livonia Wrestling Club, a unified wrestling club serving Livonia and surrounding communities for grades K-8, will be from 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, Nov. 27 through March 28, at the Franklin High School wrestling room.

All coaches and volunteers will be under direct supervision of the Franklin coaching staff. Registration can be done at the first practice or throughout the season. The cost is \$100 (includes T-shirt and registration into My-Way).

For more information, call Dave Chiola at (248) 752-2340; or e-mail [chiola44@yahoo.com](mailto:chiola44@yahoo.com).

## 'Crusaders' coach nears 1,000th

Madonna University women's volleyball coach Jerry Abraham crept closer to 1,000 career victories as MU swept pair of matches Saturday at home in the BLT Sportswear Crusader Classic.

Madonna, now 28-6 overall and ranked No. 19 in the latest NIAA poll, defeated Rochester College, 25-10, 25-17, 25-22; and Trinity International (Ill.), 25-22, 25-6, 25-10, to wrap up second place in the tournament behind Embury-Riddle (Fla.).

Abraham now has 998 career victories during his NIAA Hall of Fame

### WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

career with upcoming matches Wednesday at Northwestern Ohio, currently in second place behind MU in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference, followed by a home match Wednesday, Oct. 31 at home against Indiana Tech.

Taylor Dziejwit paced a balanced Madonna hitting attack against Trinity (7-26) with nine kills, while Nastija Baranovska added eight.

All-Tournament selection Evnia Prieditis, a junior setter, recorded

38 assist-to-kills, while freshman Brenna Gele provided a team-best 15 digs.

Sophomore outside hitter Samantha Gelle also earned all-tournament honors with a team-high 10 kills against Rochester (20-17). Dziejwit added eight kills, while Prieditis had 27 assists. Notching double figures in digs for the Crusaders was Stacey Catalano (12), Brenna Gelle (11) and Prieditis (10). Emily Serrano had 11 kills and Sara Hayes had 25 assists and 13 digs for Rochester.

# Sacred music concert benefits convent

Louis Canter says the audience will hear "something for everyone" at the upcoming Concert of Sacred Music in Livonia.

"They can expect a wide variety of style of music. There is a lot of gospel music. There is classical religious music, contemporary style religious music, hymns," said Canter, who will serve as master of ceremonies.

The show, a fundraiser for the Felician Sisters, will start at 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 28, in the Presentation Chapel on the Felician Sisters grounds, 36800 Schoolcraft.

Performers will include Amy Blevins, Johnny Kash, Andy Langlands, Stacey Mason, Hector Qyetti, along with David Ammer, the principal trumpet player for the Michigan Opera Theatre. Violinists Grace Rodgers and Sasha Beck and students from the Divine Child Bell Choir will perform during the "Litany of the Saints."

Patron tickets are \$500 and include four admissions, preferred seating,

complimentary valet parking, special recognition, a cocktail and hors d'oeuvre reception after the concert and an opportunity to meet the performers.

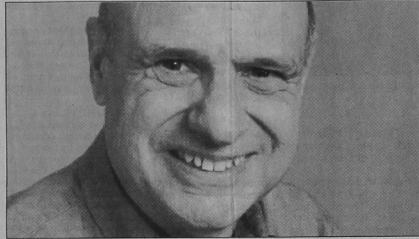
Supporter tickets are \$100 and include one admission, reserved seating, a program listing and the reception.

Friend tickets are \$20 for one admission.

Concert proceeds will help buy armchairs for the Sisters' dining room, wheelchairs and walkers. "I encourage people to come out, not only for the music, but to celebrate the gift of the Sisters, who have been here a long time in ministry," Canter said. "What we're doing with the financial gifts we receive is good, because the Sisters don't have much. To give them comfort in their golden years, for them to have a nice place to sit, reflect and pray gives them a gift for the gift they've been to us."

Tickets are available in advance at (734) 591-1730 or at the door.

—By Sharon Dargay



Tony Campolo will speak at the May 2, 2013, Livonia Community Prayer Breakfast.

## Save date to hear Tony Campolo

Tony Campolo will be the featured speaker at the May 2, 2013, Livonia Community Prayer Breakfast. The event will be held at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

Campolo is professor emeritus of sociology at Eastern University, a former faculty member at the University of Pennsylvania, and the founder and president of the Evangelical Association for the Promotion of Education. He has written more than 35 books, blogs

regularly at his website, redletterchristians.org, and can also be found on both Facebook and Twitter. He and his wife, Peggy, live near Philadelphia, Pa., and have two children, and four grandchildren.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for K-12 students. Space is limited. Make checks payable to Livonia Community Prayer Breakfast, Inc., and mail to Livonia Community Prayer Breakfast, Inc., Attention: Sal-

ly Butler, 33300 Five Mile, Suite 105, Livonia, MI 48154. Tickets will be mailed upon receipt of payment.

For more information call (248) 476-9427 or e-mail to [bullerconsulting@consultant.com](mailto:bullerconsulting@consultant.com).

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Age 88, October 22, 2012, formerly of Livonia. Beloved wife of the late Lee Loving. Mother of Regina (Steve) Douglas, Robert (Polly), Nancy (Ken) Mastay, Edmund, Charles, Kathy (Ted) Stein, Vickie (Joel) Goudeau and Darlene Horen. Dear sister of Billie Hillen. Many grandchildren and great-grandchildren survive. Visitation Thursday, 3-9pm at R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 31551 Ford Rd., Garden City where funeral services will be held on Friday at 11:00 a.m. Please sign the obit-guestbook at: [www.rgharris.com](http://www.rgharris.com)

### CAVES, ELIZABETH JANE

Age 89, of Belleville, died October 16, 2012 at Heartland Health Care Center University of Livonia. She was a member of Memorial Church of Christ, Livonia. She was a devoted wife and mother who enjoyed baking & making candy and most of all, spending time with her grandchildren. Survived by five children: Barbara Jane (Larry) Adkin of Covington, VA, May Lou (Kent) Hazelwood of Stanton, OR, Susan (Merv) Auchtung of Holland, MI, Timothy Caves of Belleville, MI & Terry Jay (Kim) Caves of Plymouth, MI, 14 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. Preceded by her husband of over 73 years, Thomas Caves, Jr., August 13, 2012, also a brother Jack Myers. Services were October 19, 2012 at Memorial Church of Christ, Livonia. Contributions to Memorial Church of Christ or Angela Hospice appreciated. [www.davidcbrownllc.com](http://www.davidcbrownllc.com)



### LOUIS, JEANNE MARIE

Jeanne Marie (Emma) was the youngest of four children born August 19, 1928 to Emma Nellie Hampton Loftis and Latta Conroy "Tub" Loftis. Emma was called Jeanne. Her siblings were Marianna (Nan), Richard (Dick), John (Jack). Jeanne was born in Detroit, MI and raised in Dearborn, MI. Jeanne graduated from Dearborn, High School in 1946 where she was the Captain of the Cheerleaders. Jeanne loved life and loved to learn, read, playing the piano, sing, dance, was an artist and painter, liked sewing, gardening, flew an airplane and sailed. Jeanne loved people and is a Christian. She volunteered a lot, was a clown, and loved USA. Jeanne worked for 30 years at Livonia Public Schools as a secretary at the board office. Jeanne married Donald Eugene Miller they have three children: MaryEllen Sanok (Rick), Ron, Donald "Guskie" Staszak. (Tom). Three grandchildren: Lee & Christina Sanok-Great Grand Daughter Lucia, Peter Sanok, Lydia Sanok-Pothoff (Billy). Don and Jeanne designed and built two homes for the family one in Wayne, MI the other one in Livonia, MI. Jeanne changed her name to Jeanne Marie. Feb. 16, 2012 she died after a long illness. We miss her and also know she is living in Heaven. We love our dear sweet Mom so much.

### WILLIAM S. LUTE,

Age 87, passed away peacefully on October 20, 2012 at his home in Livonia; right next door to where he was born on April 3, 1925, son of Charles and Bertha (nee Christ) Lute. He was united in marriage to Mary Rose Joyal on November 1, 1951, and they spent 60 loving years together. William grew up on a farm in Livonia and later worked as a Heavy Machine Operator for Superior Products in Taylor. He is described by his family as an example farmer, who was born 100 years too late. He was a passionate collector of anything that had to do with farm life, including a huge collection of antique John Deere Tractors from the 1930's, one of the largest collections in the state of horse drawn vehicles, as well as hand tools, traps, washing machines, and lanterns. Many of his treasures were found at the farm auctions he frequented on the weekends. William was a volunteer with Greenmead Historical Park in Livonia where he operated one of the antique equipment he donated and advised the Livonia Historical Commission on the history of Livonia. He also volunteered with Henry Ford Village during Harvest Festival. He is survived by his beloved wife Mary Rose Lute, his daughters, Cathy (Edward) Klocker, Debbie (Robert) Shaw, and Peggy (Anthony) Ignagni; his siblings, Celesta Van Hellemont, Donald (Agnie) Lute, Bernice (Otha) Baggett, and Alice (Frank) Caldwell, his grandchildren, Sean, Ian, Halle, Dawn (Jason), Brandon, Nickholas, Vincenzo, Blaise, and Noelle; and his great grandchildren, Makenna, Brittle, and Gresha. He was preceded in death by his parents and 4 brothers and sisters. The funeral service will be held Thursday, October 25, 2012 at 11 a.m. with visitation beginning at 10 a.m. at the Newburgh Church at Greenmead, 20501 Newburgh Rd., Livonia, MI 48152. Mr. Lute will be laid to rest at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth. The family would appreciate memorial contributions in American Cancer Society, PO Box 22718, Oklahoma City, OK 73123-1718 or Livonia Historical Commission/Greenead Historical Park. Arrangements entrusted to Catherine Funeral Home of Northville.

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## Father-son magicians spark laughter, awe, for a good cause

By Sharon Dargay  
O&E Staff Writer

Ken and Austin Dumm of Livonia promise to keep you laughing while you wonder "Just how did they DO that?"

The father-and-son performers are seasoned comedy magicians who sprinkle in humor with awe-inspiring tricks.

"Magic without an emotional hook is just a puzzle," said Ken, who has performed for more than 30 years. "And the puzzle you put away after your figure out how it was done. But what we like to do is touch you on an emotional level."

Austin, 16, says comedy makes the magic stronger.

"You can see a magic act and when you leave you think, oh that was great. I have no idea how that was done," said the Churchill High School junior. "When you leave a comedian's show, you think, wow, I was really entertained."

They've performed together for 10 years, including seven at Livonia Spree. When he's not at his day job, producing television commercials for Team Detroit, Ken also appears in a solo act at clubs, festivals and theaters. He'll encore evening shows this weekend at Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle in Royal Oak. His son also has entertained individually at senior living centers during summer vacation.

"It's great to go in there and entertain them with something they don't see every day," Austin said, recalling his summer experience. "Just to see their faces light up, it's almost like they're young again. It's a great experience when you get to give back to the community."

That's exactly what they'll do when they perform at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27 at Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle in Royal



Austin (left) and Ken Dumm show the poster for one of their performances, which was held in Lapeer earlier this year.



Oak.

Their family-friendly show will raise funds for Children's Hospital of Michigan Foundation. The money will be dedicated to the Ticker Club at DMC Children's Hospital of Michigan.

**Personal connection**  
"The Ticker Club basically is a support group for families with children who are having heart surgery," Ken said. "I have done some strolling magic at Ticker Club events." Children's Hospital holds a special place in Ken's heart. His wife, Kristine, underwent

heart surgery there 22 years ago.

"Being that we were dating, I was with her the whole time," he said. He got to see first hand the staff and its "unbelievable job of making patients and families feel comfortable" while loved ones underwent surgeries.

"We're always looking for more ways to give back," Austin said. "That's one of the reasons for this show for the hospital. It's a great way to give back to a great organization in our area through our talent of magic."

That talent began to take shape at an early age for both father and son.

**Passion for magic**  
Ken, who grew up in Redford Township, "got hooked" on magic at around age 10 after his parents allowed him to select a birthday gift at a magic shop. He began to spend money earned through a newspaper delivery route on tricks.

"It wasn't that I wanted to just know how the tricks were done, I wanted to perform them," he said, adding that he began "putting together little shows for neighborhood kids."

He continued honing his skills while in high school and during college at Wayne State University, where he earned a degree in broadcasting and went on to write, produce and direct advertising content for broadcast and the Web.

"Once I got out of college and got a full time job, I started doing more

### COMEDY MAGIC OF KEN AND AUSTIN DUMM

What: Father-son magicians from Livonia perform magic with comedy and audience interaction  
When: 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27  
Where: Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle, located at 310 Troy Street, at Fourth Street, one block south of 11 Mile, two blocks east of Main, in downtown Royal Oak  
Details: The show is appropriate for all ages. A portion of the ticket sales will be donated to the Children's Hospital of Michigan Foundation, with funds restricted to the Ticker Club at the DMC Children's Hospital of Michigan. Tickets are \$8  
Contact: Call the box office at (248) 542-9900 or visit [www.ettx.com](http://www.ettx.com)

comedy clubs, more adult venues, like open mics.

When Austin was born in 1996, I had the perfect opportunity to do family shows, because I could test out my material on my son."

Austin didn't just offer feedback, he became a part of the act. From age 3-4 he'd sit in the audience and lip sync his dad's performance. Ken introduced him to the audience and allowed him to perform a magic trick when he was just 6 years old. At age 9, he started performing at Livonia Spree.

"I've had a lifelong interest and love of magic. I find it really fun when my dad and I can both perform together in places that entertain people," Austin said.

"We're both excited about the (upcoming) show because of that."

### GET OUT! Arts & Crafts

#### CITY GALLERY

Time/Date: 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, through Nov. 11  
Location: City Gallery, located at the Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills

Details: The Great Lakes Beadworkers Guild shows elaborate decorative pieces, jewelry, and variations of other items that celebrate the use of beads in their creation.  
Contact: (248) 473-1856

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Family Sundays: 2 p.m. Sundays; storytelling, performances; free with admission  
Friday Night: Concerts include Aerial Angels Ghost Circus, Oct. 26 and Shuffle Concert, Nov. 2. Aerial Angels, 7 p.m.; all others at 7 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.,

Exhibits: Picasso & Matisse exhibits all of the museum's drawings and prints by the two artists, through Jan. 6, 2013; Faberge: The Rise and Fall, The Collection of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, through Jan. 21, 2013; Hidden Treasures: An Experiment, Oct. 31-March 3, 2013  
Contact: (313) 833-7900, [www.dia.org](http://www.dia.org)

#### LIBERTY STREET BREWING CO.

Time/Date: Artist reception  
Please see GET OUT!, B7

### Schoolcraft College stages Moliere farce

Schoolcraft College will kick off its fall semester dinner theater with performances of *The Doctor in Spite of Himself*, a farce by Moliere.

Dinner theatre shows will run Friday-Saturday, Oct. 26-27 and Nov. 2-3. Dinner will start at 6:30 p.m. in the VisT&T-ech Center, on the main campus, 18600 Haggerty between Six Mile and Seven Mile, in Livonia. Curtain is at 8 p.m. in the Liberal Arts Theatre.

Show-only performances are 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 9-10.

Tickets are \$24 for the dinner performances and \$32 for the show-only performances.

*The Doctor in Spite of Himself*'s a comedy about medicine in the 17th Century.

For more information and to order tickets, call the campus bookstore at (734) 462-4596.

## Michigan Philharmonic jazzes up pops show

The Michigan Philharmonic will perform a jazz-inspired tribute to Duke Ellington at its "Pops Plus" concerts this weekend.

Performances are 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 26 at the Italian American Club, 39200 Five Mile, Livonia, and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27 at The Carr Center, 311 E. Grand River, Detroit.

The Livonia show is \$35 and will include a cash bar and hors d'oeuvres. Tickets to the show in Detroit are \$25. Students are admitted free with a paying adult.

The Michigan Philharmonic's

principal flutist, Dennis Carter II, will solo on Ronald Foster's *Summertime Fantasy*, which is based on the song by George Gershwin. Other jazz age hits will include Eubie Blake's *I'm Just Wild about Harry* and James P. Johnson's classic *Charleston*. A majority of the program will pay tribute to "the Duke," featuring a performance of Ellington's reflective *Suite from the River* and an encore of his famous signature song, *I Don't Mean a Thing, If It Don't Mean to You* and a medley of Dave

Brubeck's tunes will round out the program.

Carter has a bachelor of music in flute performance from Wayne State University, where his teachers were Ervin Monroe, principal flutist of the DSO and Clement Barone. He continued his studies by winning an orchestral apprenticeship with Operalaboratorio in Palermo, Sicily and by invitation to attend Julius Baker's master class as a performer.

Carter also performed with the Dearborn, Rochester, and Warren Symphonies, Orches-

tra Canton, Brazael Dennard Chorale and Community Chorus. He has toured nationwide with the New York Gilbert and Sullivan Players, The New Sigmund Romberg Orchestra, and Carl Rosa Opera Company in the UK.

He's also an assistant teacher for Southfield High School Band and Orchestra programs and has taught flute at Henry Ford Community College and woodwinds for the Sphinx Repertory Institute.

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**Touching comedy**

Debra Rockey (left) of Milford as "Vernadette," Anne Craft of Wixom as "Sheree," Julie Yolles of Birmingham as "Dinah," Erin Osgood of Brighton as "Lexie," and Kandi Krumins of Waterford as "Jeri Neal" this week wrap up the Farmington Players' run of "The Dixie Swim Club." Shows are 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Oct. 25-27 at the Farmington Players Theatre, 32332 W.12 Mile, Farmington Hills. Tickets are \$14 for students and \$16 for adults. For tickets, call (248) 553-2955 or visit [www.farmingtonplayers.org](http://www.farmingtonplayers.org).



**GET OUT!**

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tion is 5-9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 9; art on display through November  
**Location:** 149 W. Liberty, in Old Village, Plymouth; in the upper hall gallery  
**Details:** Mariuca Rofick shows her black and white photography in an exhibit called METROPOLIS. Rofick is an exhibiting member of Hatch, the Hamtramck artists collective, and her work has been shown at such galleries as the Carr Center, Lawrence Street Gallery and the Scarab Club  
**Contact:** (734) 207-9600  
**NORTHVILLE ART HOUSE**  
**Time/Date:** 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday,

through Oct. 27  
**Location:** 215 W. Cady, Northville  
**Details:** "Vote for Me! Artists Respond to the Presidential Election of 2012," includes a variety of works by more than two dozen artists  
**Contact:** (248) 344-0497  
**PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL**  
**Time/Date:** Through October  
**Location:** 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth  
**Details:** This first exhibit of the new season features work by instructors, students and board members, along with displays and photos from the Council as well as other community groups  
**Coming up:** "Mixed Musings" by Peggy Kerwan

**Contact:** (734) 416-4278  
**VAAL**  
**Time/Date:** Nov. 5-17; art reception is 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 9  
**Location:** Livonia Community Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard, Livonia  
**Details:** The Visual Arts Association of Livonia fall exhibit will include original art work done by VAAL members in watercolor, acrylic, oil, pastel and mixed media. The art work will be for sale. Ellen M. Moucoulis of Schoolcraft College is the show jury  
**Contact:** (734) 838-1204; www.vaalart.org  
**VILLAGE THEATER**  
**Time/Date:** 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday, through Oct. 29  
**Location:** 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

**Details:** 20th Annual Canton Fine Arts Exhibition includes paintings, sculptures, mixed media, charcoal drawings, pastels, ceramics, and photography by artists from throughout southeast Michigan  
**Contact:** (734) 394-5308  
**Film**  
**MJR DIGITAL THEATRE**  
**Time/Date:** Oct. 27-28 and Nov. 3-4  
**Location:** 6800 N. Wayne Road, Westland  
**Details:** Children's film festival includes "Ice Age," and "Dog Days." Free for children, 12 and under. Adults pay \$1. Check show times the Tuesday before each weekend screening  
**Contact:** (734) 298-2657

**PENN THEATRE**  
**Time/Date:** 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 27-28  
**Location:** 760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth  
**Details:** "Paranorman," \$3  
**Coming up:** "Hope Springs," 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 1 and 8, 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 2-3, and 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 4; "Trouble with the Curve," 7 p.m. and 9:05 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 9-10, 4:45 and 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 11, and 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 15  
**Shocktober series:** The series concludes with "Abbot and Costello meet Frankenstein," 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 25  
**Contact:** (734) 453-0870; www.penntheatre.com

**REDFORD THEATRE**  
**Time/Date:** Doors open 11 p.m., movie starts at midnight, Friday, Oct. 26  
**Location:** Redford  
**Details:** "Evil Dead," \$5  
**Coming up:** "The Haunted House," and "The Cat and the Canary," both silent films with Buster Keaton, 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27, \$12 adults and \$8 children; "An American in Paris," 8 p.m., Friday, Nov. 2 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3, \$4; "Since You Went Away," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 16-17 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 18, \$4; "A Christmas Story," 8 p.m. Nov. 30 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Dec. 1, \$4. Santa will be on hand Nov. 30-Dec. 1 for photos  
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### Time savers

Take advantage of grocery items that do some of the work for you.

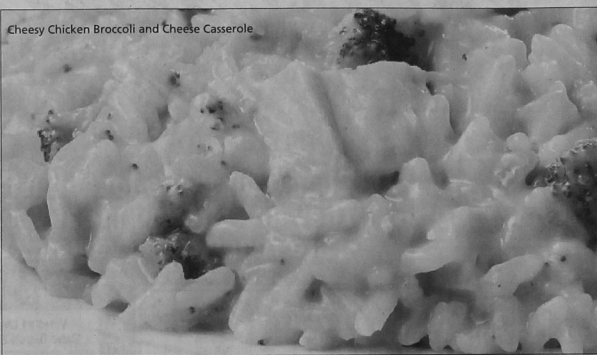
- **Frozen rice** — For a tasty side or for a starter for a full meal, try Minute Steamers, a rice that heats in a microwave, ventilated bag.
- **Pre-cut vegetables** — Save some prep time by using some pre-cut vegetables. Give them a quick wash and they are ready to use.
- **Pre-seasoned ingredients** — Look for canned, diced tomatoes with garlic and onions, cheese marinade with jalapeño or marinated chicken or pork cuts. These all are ways to add flavor without adding time.

### Plan ahead

If you save more time on the weekend, you can do some prep work to cut down on your week night cooking time.

- **Prep ingredients** — Chop vegetables and shred cheese and keep them in storage containers or resealable bags in the fridge. You also can brown ground beef and cut any meats into recipe-ready pieces.
- **Herb cubed** — Put a tablespoon of chopped herbs in each well of an ice cube tray. Fill with either water or olive oil, then freeze. Once frozen, pop them out and store in a freezer bag. You'll have fresh herb flavor in a flash.
- **Cook once, eat twice** — Double up on a recipe, then freeze one half for later. Or, plan a second meal around leftovers. For example, use Monday night's taco meat for Tuesday night's taco salad.

For more delicious ways to get a speedy supper on the table for your family, visit [www.4ingredientmeals.com](http://www.4ingredientmeals.com).



Cheesy Chicken Broccoli and Cheese Casserole

### Cheesy Chicken Broccoli and Rice Casserole

Makes 4 Servings  
1 bag Minute Steamers — Broccoli and Cheese Rice  
1 can (10 1/4 ounces) condensed cream of chicken soup  
1 cup cooked, diced chicken  
1/2 cup milk

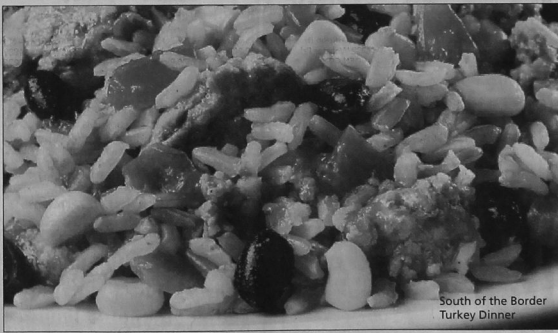
Prepare rice according to package directions. In a medium microwave-safe bowl combine soup, chicken and water. Heat in microwave on high for 2 minutes. Stir in rice.

### South of the Border Turkey Dinner

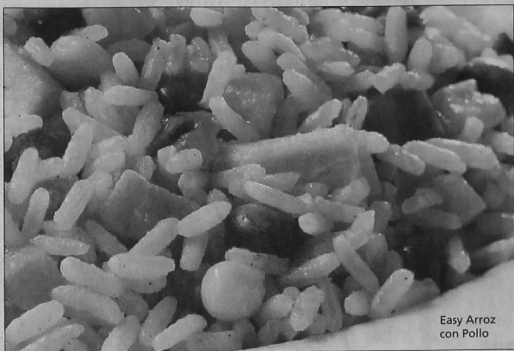
Makes 4 Servings

1 bag Minute Steamers — Brown Rice  
1 pound ground turkey, cooked and crumbled  
1 can (11 ounces) southwestern corn blend  
1 cup prepared salsa

Prepare rice according to package directions. In a medium microwave-safe bowl combine turkey, corn and salsa. Cook on HIGH 2 minutes. Stir in rice. Add 1 cup shredded Monterey Jack cheese. Use as filling in tortillas and top with shredded lettuce and chopped tomatoes. Roll into burrito-sized tortillas and serve with sour cream.



South of the Border Turkey Dinner



Easy Arroz con Pollo

### Easy Arroz con Pollo

Makes 4 servings

1 bag Minute Steamers — Spanish Rice  
1 cup frozen peas and carrots, thawed  
1 small tomato, diced  
1 cup cooked, diced chicken

Prepare rice according to package directions. In a medium microwave-safe dish combine rice, peas and carrots, tomato and chicken. Microwave 2 minutes. For extra flavor, add 1/4 cup sliced Spanish olives. Garnish with sliced green onions.

### Basil Rice and Tomato Soup

Serves 4 (1 1/4 cups each)

1 package Minute Steamers — Brown Rice  
1 jar (24 ounces) pasta sauce  
1/2 cup heavy cream  
1/2 cup fresh basil, chopped

Prepare rice according to package directions. In a large microwave-safe bowl combine pasta sauce, cream and basil. Cover loosely and microwave on high 5 minutes, or until heated through. Stir in prepared rice.

- Tips:
- If a thinner soup is desired, add 1 cup heated chicken broth
  - Serve with cheese crostini and olive tapenade.
  - Top with shredded Parmesan

### SPRUCE UP RICE

Here are some quick and easy ways you can add a little flair to the family meal:

- **Citrus Rice:** To hot cooked white rice, add grated orange, lemon or lime zest for a fresh, lively taste.
- **Nutty Rice:** To hot cooked brown rice, add peanuts, cashews, pine nuts, or sunflower seeds; stir in dried cranberries or cherries for added flavor, texture and color.
- **Portobello Mushroom Rice:** To hot cooked brown rice add sautéed, chopped portobello mushrooms and toasted, chopped pecans. Top with crumbled feta cheese.

# REAL ESTATE

## Home Builders Association revamps its name, logo

The Michigan Association of Home Builders (MAHB) has announced that its Board of Directors has approved changing the name of the organization that represents the home-building industry in Michigan to the Home Builders Association of Michigan (HBAM).

The name change became effective on Sept. 14, 2012. "The fact is that whether we are in front of a customer who is building or remodeling their home, or in the halls at the State Capitol, people have always referred to us as the 'Home Builders Association,'" said Colin Herren, HBAM president. "It made sense to us to change the name in order to capitalize on the recognition we already have throughout Michigan."

The Home Builders Association of Michigan has also unveiled a new logo to accompany the name change and a tagline, "Professionals Who Care," which will be utilized in a statewide branding effort to educate consumers on the value of hiring HBAM members for building and remodeling projects.

"We have always been an organization that encourages the highest levels of professionalism among our members," said Robert Filka, HBAM CEO. "Our member builders and remodelers are not only licensed, but are leaders in incorporating the latest innovations and technologies into their work, which provides significant value to consumers."

The Home Builders Association of Michigan will also be encouraging the 27 local Home



## HOME BUILDERS ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN

This is the new logo of the Home Builders Association of Michigan.

Builders Associations throughout Michigan to utilize the HBA, Professionals Who Care branding in advertising for home shows and other promotions throughout the year.

"Many of our members conduct business in several counties that often stretch beyond the jurisdiction of their local Home Builders Association,"

said Rich Kogelschatz, HBAM Board member who led the name change and branding initiative. "Having common branding throughout Michigan will allow our members to receive the benefits of greater consumer recognition of the brand and the value it means to them."

The Michigan Home Builders

Association is a professional trade association comprised of 27 local homebuilder associations around the state and their builder, subcontractor and supplier members.

HBAM works to positively promote the building industry and impact legislative, regulatory and legal issues affecting housing affordability.

## Dallas shows signs of life

By Robert Meisner  
Guest Columnist

Q: I was recently in Dallas for a football game and noted the development in the downtown and Uptown areas. Do you have any information concerning the residential situation there?

A: Downtown Dallas grew substantially in the 1960s and 1970s, but there was almost no additional commercial development until 2010. However, there

has been a concerted effort recently to build residential housing in the downtown and Uptown areas.



Robert Meisner

Substantial private homes and condominiums have been and are being built in those areas as the economy has not hurt Dallas as has been the case in many other areas. Indeed, the Dallas suburb of Highland Park looks just like Beverly Hills, Calif., to the casual observer. The Uptown area is filled with restaurants, boutiques, condominiums, apartments and single family homes and, the market is thriving.

Q: Can we rent a rental fee to transfers for the sole reason that they are renting a unit?

A: More than likely not. A case out of New Jersey held that an association could charge a rental fee, but only in an amount reasonably related to actual additional necessary expenses incurred by the association for the rental. I think this is a reasonable determination of the status, but each case, of course, depends upon its own facts.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and author of *Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track*, second edition, available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping/handling. He also wrote *Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium*, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping/handling. Call (214) 644-4433 or visit [meisner@meisner-law.com](http://meisner@meisner-law.com). This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

### HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-WAYNE COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of July 16-20, 2012, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

2496 Barkhill Rd \$356,000	46031 Spinning Wheel Dr \$190,000	33201 Norfolk St \$140,000	45891 Green Valley Rd \$309,000
40509 Blythefield Ln \$91,000	49516 Taft Ln \$55,000	34713 Northland Dr \$255,000	1310 Hartsough St \$200,000
1406 Barclay Cir \$415,000	1503 Tradition Dr \$375,000	14452 Pere St \$175,000	9411 High Pointe Ct \$260,000
49934 Hancock St \$330,000	24222 Webster Dr \$149,000	27480 Pickford St \$58,000	11889 Lorenz Way \$557,000
45101 Horseshoe Cir \$135,000	GARDEN CITY \$45,000	36630 Pinetree St \$105,000	40936 Micol Dr \$136,000
1276 Kensington Dr \$292,000	6664 Harrison St \$40,000	32902 Southgate St \$205,000	9089 Morrison Ave \$150,000
43180 Keystone Ln \$171,000	33110 John Hawk St \$40,000	34900 Standish St \$40,000	40640 Newport Dr \$59,000
50411 Lansdowne Rd \$77,000	36701 Six Mile Rd \$160,000	19504 Taylor Blvd \$173,000	49022 Plum Tree Ct \$350,000
2160 Liberty St S \$295,000	14016 Ashurst St \$170,000	NORTHVILLE \$280,000	14971 Plymouth Xing \$239,000
1805 Lincoln Dr \$200,000	15411 Bainbridge St \$105,000	46075 Bloomcrest Dr \$280,000	198 Riveroaks Dr \$82,000
47045 Maben Dr \$240,000	32128 Barkley St \$140,000	44939 Broadmoor Cir S \$371,000	432 Sunset St \$239,000
2319 N Woods Ct \$240,000	35000 Brookside Ct \$272,000	45041 Broadmoor Cir S \$370,000	REDFORD \$143,000
1604 Orchard Dr \$40,000	12060 Cardwell St \$82,000	16180 Crystal Downs E \$486,000	14176 Breakfast Dr \$44,000
658 Princess Dr \$145,000	8915 Cavell Ave \$138,000	16260 Crystal Downs E \$426,000	12853 Derby \$110,000
2050 S Brookhill Ln \$75,000	18084 Curtis Ct \$370,000	16599 Nunwood Rd \$215,000	9183 Garfield Ct \$48,000
45668 S Stonewood Rd \$160,000	37007 Curtis Rd \$370,000	17308 Johnson Creek Dr \$147,000	9301 Rivendale \$72,000
41972 Salfie Rd \$165,000	16984 Farmington Rd \$120,000	15801 Johnson Creek Dr \$137,000	16602 Ryland \$21,000
4285 Sherwood Cir \$225,000	31530 Garden St \$100,000	15841 Johnson Creek Dr \$139,000	18847 Sumner \$26,000
4435 Southbridge Dr \$106,000	9715 Garden St \$88,000	17500 Lake View Cir \$322,000	WESTLAND \$97,000
	14531 Garden St \$65,000	46637 Merion Cir \$445,000	33052 Avondale St \$50,000
	14316 Gary Ln \$120,000	49474 N Glacier \$255,000	37592 Barkridge Cir \$58,000
	14711 Gary Ln \$145,000	48804 Rainbow Ln S \$307,000	8065 N Wildwood St \$139,000
	11240 Haller St \$125,000	49170 Rainbow Ln S \$335,000	30003 Lucy Dr \$65,000
	8913 Hillcrest St \$94,000	655 Randolph St \$65,000	33662 Melton St \$120,000
	16194 Huff St \$119,000	18177 Shoreline Ct \$640,000	81275 N Wayne Rd \$123,000
	16321 Huff St \$157,000	PLYMOUTH \$110,000	8065 N Wildwood St \$139,000
	20175 Laurel Dr \$294,000	50436 Beechwood Ct \$130,000	35551 Thames St \$42,000
	33160 Lyndon St \$150,000	40974 Fox Dr N \$444,000	33480 Unicorn Ct \$72,000
	14416 Melrose St \$145,000	49124 Gilbert St \$116,000	

### HOMES SOLD/REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS-OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of July 2-6, 2012, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

117 S Williamsbury Rd \$185,000	22357 Diamond Ct \$75,000	24921 Sarah Flynn \$255,000
371 Lady Hollow Cir \$300,000	28412 Farmington Rd \$125,000	25822 Shoreline Dr \$720,000
4755 Walnut Lake Rd \$265,000	18136 Hawberry Rd \$155,000	39734 Fairfax Wood Cir \$46,000
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP \$500,000	20854 Hugo St \$143,000	39411 Westminster Cir \$88,000
3530 Brookside Dr \$315,000	24056 Middlebelt Rd Unit 13 \$26,000	24017 Willowbrook \$160,000
2841 Lamplighter Ln \$206,000	31188 Misty Pines Dr \$125,000	21924 York Mills Cir \$423,000
909 Tartan Trl \$315,000	24029 Noble Dr \$150,000	South Lyon \$284,000
3495 Westchester Rd \$105,000	22136 Springbrook Ave \$23,000	51879 Red Cedar Ct \$284,000
COMMERCE TOWNSHIP \$705,000	29324 W 12 Mile Rd \$106,000	54211 Shinnecock Dr \$380,000
2949 Gabriel Dr \$15,000	LATHRUP VILLAGE \$175,000	SOUTHFIELD \$68,000
5390 Inverrary Ln \$105,000	2782a Rainbow Cir \$175,000	28474 Fairfax St \$29,000
2812 Red Arrow Dr \$169,000	MILFORD \$67,000	17651 New Hampshire Rd \$86,000
FARMINGTON \$120,000	1174 Marjorie St \$267,000	19404 W Nine Mile Rd \$70,000
23031 Farmington Rd \$90,000	1336 Yosemite Valley Dr \$267,000	19300 W Nine Mile Rd \$95,000
33145 Flinders St \$124,000	1340 Yosemite Valley Dr \$25,000	29153 Wellington Rd E # 40 \$31,000
33205 Flanders St \$133,000	NOVI \$62,000	WHITE LAKE \$150,000
22674 Maple Ave \$137,000	23159 Arcadia Dr \$475,000	1271 Applewood Dr \$150,000
13172 Maple St \$62,000	121 Austin Dr \$46,000	2565 Gale Island St \$70,000
BLOOMFIELD HILLS \$455,000	47290 Cider Mill Dr \$325,000	8444 Huron River Dr \$128,000
28897 Augusta \$228,000	24555 Jamestowne Rd \$251,000	980 Round Lake Rd \$86,000
36875 Chesapeake Rd \$136,000	40602 Lenox Park Dr \$144,000	8122 Wildwood Ln \$192,000
31825 Coronet Dr	241 Linhart St	

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